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## Plan to share Jerusalem presented to PA

A SECRET report commissioned by the Foreign Ministry on possible solutions to the Jerusalem question was transferred to Oslo Accord architects Professors Ron Pundak and Yair Hirschfeld, who then presented it to Palestinian negotiators.

The report, including several maps showing ways to divide Jerusalem between Israel and the Palestinians, was compiled by The Jerusalem Institute of Israel Studies, a leading research institute based in the capital.

The report also recommends the Palestinians be allowed to set up their own police force in eastern Jerusalem and the holy places in the Old City become "autonomous areas" controlled by the different religions.

Sources involved in the project said a central recommendation of the report is that Israel and the PA "suspend their claims for sovereignty, and instead talk about the possibilities of division of power."

"We put together the report in order to help Israel prepare for the final stage negotiations on Jerusalem," said Hebrew University Prof. Ruth Lapidot, who was among the experts who worked on the report for the Jerusalem Institute.

Lapidot said the institute received "positive feedback" from the Foreign Ministry about the report, which has been in the works for nearly two years.

The report raises at least one new proposal for solving the dispute over the city's future, involving municipal border changes. The assumption is made that Jerusalem's present borders are "not holy

for either the Palestinians or Israelis."

Given that both sides are theoretically open to border changes, such a move is seen as the best way of arriving at a solution over the city's future.

One proposal is that Israel could relinquish areas of southeastern Jerusalem around Umm Tuba and Sur Baher that are undeveloped and have no Jewish population, in return for Palestinians giving up claims to Pisgat Ze'ev and Neveh Ya'acov in the north.

A second proposal involves redefining Jerusalem to include the Arab villages bordering the city, as well as Ma'aleh Adumim and Gush Etzion. The report notes that the Palestinians already claim villages, such as Elzariya and Abu Dis, which are part of Jerusalem.

Negotiators would have an easier time working out a solution with an enlarged Jerusalem, where clearer boundaries can be drawn between Palestinian and Israeli areas, than within the city's present boundaries, according to the report.

The report also raises the possibility of various "functional borders" being used in Jerusalem and its vicinity, reflecting the economic, political, and strategic needs of each side.

Most of the other proposals raised in the report are not new. But the fact that the report contains a detailed analysis of the various options, and was done for the Foreign Ministry and passed on to the Palestinians, makes it perhaps the most important academic work to date on the issue.

Fundak confirmed the report was turned over to him by the Foreign Ministry

and that he had discussed it with the Palestinians. He strongly denied, however, that he was involved in negotiations, saying his work was strictly academic.

"If anyone claims I made or passed on maps on the division of Jerusalem I will consider suing them," Channel 2 last night quoted Hirschfeld as saying.

Jerusalem Mayor Ehud Olmert said the fact that the report was commissioned by the Foreign Ministry and turned over to the Palestinians "shows without a doubt the government was not telling the truth when it denied secret negotiations were being carried out on Jerusalem's future."

He blamed Minister without Portfolio Yossi Beilin for being behind the report. A spokesman for Beilin, Aviv Shiran, last night blasted Olmert. "It appears this is part of the defamatory propaganda of (Continued on Page 9)

**WORLD OF SPORT**  
Fairy tale ending for Sri Lanka's World Cup dreams  
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Fourteen of the world's most renowned chefs gather around one of the tables set for diners at King David's Feast in Jerusalem last night. (Story, Page 3) (Reuters)

## 'Mossad agent in Cyprus handled Shkaki hit'

A DAMASCUS-based Palestinian student working for the Islamic Jihad and recruited by the Mossad gave his Mossad handler in Cyprus the number of the false Libyan passport Fathi Shkaki used while traveling to Malta last fall, enabling Israel to execute the terrorist. *US News and World Report* journalist Brian Duffy related details of the incident to *The Jerusalem Post*, citing a "veteran intelligence official who has extensive Middle East experience."

Both the student and the handler from Cyprus, neither of whose identities is known, were arrested by Syrian authorities, said Duffy, a senior editor for investigations who has written extensively on the American intelligence community.

According to Duffy, the Palestinian student was seized by the Islamic Jihad in a search for the leak that led to Shkaki's death.

**DAVID MAKOVSKY**  
"The Islamic Jihad ran a trap involving circulated numbered documents leading them to the student," Duffy said, quoting the intelligence source. The Islamic Jihad subsequently turned over the student to Syrian authorities.

The student wrote his captors a 40-page confession fingering his Mossad handler in Cyprus, Duffy said. The handler, who posed as a businessman dealing in computers, was seized during a visit to Damascus two weeks ago. The nationality of the Mossad man remains unclear.

According to *US News*, the Palestinian student was recruited by the Mossad in Bulgaria four and a half years ago.

When asked for a reaction yesterday about the report, Prime Minister Shimon Peres said, "Except for the newspapers, I have no other knowledge." Peres's

predecessor, Yitzhak Rabin, denied any knowledge of Shkaki's killing.

Meanwhile, Peres yesterday said Israel awaits Syria's fulfilling a US request to condemn the four recent suicide bus bombings. The prime minister fell short of saying that Israel was linking a resumption of the talks to a Syria condemnation, but so far no new round of talks has been scheduled.

"There is a break in negotiations with the Syrians," Peres told reporters yesterday. "The US turned to Syria and asked it to denounce terror or at least send condolences to the families and to do something so Syria will not be a terrorist center. We are waiting for an answer."

The last round of talks with Syria at the Wye Plantation in eastern Maryland broke up early due to the suicide attacks, including (Continued on Page 9)

## Hizbullah threatens Katyusha strikes

HIZBULLAH vowed yesterday to retaliate with Katyusha rocket attacks on the Galilee, if the IDF shells villages north of the security zone, according to a statement carried in Lebanese newspapers yesterday.

There was a sense of expectancy on both sides of the border yesterday that the IDF was poised to act in response to Hizbullah's recent wave of attacks, in which five soldiers have been killed and 22 wounded.

However, the situation on the ground as well as in the skies over south Lebanon yesterday was quieter than usual. Apart from occasional shelling by IDF gunners at suspected Hizbullah targets north of the zone, there were no reports of any major incidents.

Hizbullah claimed in a

statement yesterday morning that its gunmen had stopped an advance by IDF troops near Yatar village, north of the zone. There was no confirmation of the claim from any other sources.

Lebanese radio stations also reported a massive build-up of IDF troops in the security zone. Northern Command sources denied the reports, saying that IDF troops were on alert, but all activities were normal. UNIFIL spokesman Timur Goksel also went on record as saying that UN observers had seen no signs of any unusual activity in the areas of south Lebanon under their supervision.

There were even reports yesterday that the IDF had airlifted Palestinian deportees

into Lebanon by helicopters. Goksel, in response to numerous press queries, said UN troops had seen no helicopter activity in any of those areas under the observation of the peacekeeping force.

Nevertheless, Lebanese radio stations continued to broadcast reports of an imminent IDF operation. Hizbullah leaders were reported to be in hiding and the organization issued a statement warning of a harsh response if the IDF attacked.

"The resistance has taken exceptional measures to prevent the enemy achieving any of its objectives," Hizbullah sources were quoted as saying.

The Lebanese army was also reported to be on maximum

alert to thwart any attempted incursion by IDF troops. Lebanese parliament speaker Nabih Berri yesterday called on the US to prevent any IDF incursion. Meanwhile, a Lebanese daily newspaper said that Prime Minister Rafik Hariri, during his visit to Egypt, had asked President Hosni Mubarak to intervene to prevent a wide-scale IDF operation in Lebanon.

According to the newspaper, Mubarak reportedly advised Hariri that the Lebanese authorities should try to curb Hizbullah's activities at such a sensitive time.

By late last night, there were still no reports of any major incidents in south Lebanon or of any villagers north of the zone leaving their homes, although the atmosphere remained tense.

## Captured would-be suicide bomber: Money, visions of paradise convinced me

A WOULD-BE Islamic Jihad suicide bomber, captured before his planned attack in Tel Aviv, said yesterday that the offer of \$6,000 for his family, the ability to protect them, and the prospect of 72 virgins in paradise convinced him to carry out the attack.

Allowed to give the interview to Channel 1's Arabic service by the Palestinian Authority, he said he regretted his actions and was glad he had been stopped. "I don't recommend that anyone commit suicide like this because you don't know if you will be a martyr or not in the end," he said.

Rashid Abu Sakr, 24, from the Gaza neighborhood of Shajaiyeh, was arrested last week four days before allegedly planning an attack to coincide with the "conference," as he called the Sharm e-Sheikh anti-terror gathering last Wednesday.

The attack was to have taken place in a crowded Tel Aviv location like the central bus station.

"They talked to me about martyrdom and I was convinced. He told me there would be 72 women and a martyr can protect his family... Our economic situation was

bad," he said. The \$6,000 was given to the family before he was arrested, he added.

Palestinian police did not say how they came upon Sakr, but have arrested and interrogated dozens of Islamic Jihad activists. Sakr was reportedly a member of the group for four years. One of the January 1995 Beit Lid bombers was also from Shajaiyeh, where Islamic Jihad leader Abdullah Shami lives. Shami was rearrested this week after leaving jail three months after his arrest following the Beit Lid attack, urging an alternative to violence.

Meanwhile, Irim reported that a Gaza imam issued a religious ruling that suicide bombings are contrary to Islamic law. Sheikh Mahmud Alabani is considered close to the Palestinian Authority and is not widely known among Palestinian youth. There have been no other notable rulings by senior and respected religious leaders.

**Jordan, Israel to allow vehicles to cross borders**  
ISRAEL and Jordan agreed yesterday to open their borders for vehicles transporting goods and passengers.

Otmel Schneller, head of the Israeli team in the joint Jordanian-Israeli Transport Committee, said the first crossing point to start operating will be between Akaba and Eilat. Tourist buses will be able to cross April 1, with "private cars from both sides ... on April 7," he said. (AP)

## Suspects held in youth's gangland murder

TEL AVIV police have arrested a number of suspects in yesterday's murder of 17-year-old Eyal Romano-Harari, of Pardess Katz, as he was on his way to high school.

The youth was shot once in the back of the neck as he walked down the street at around 7:30 a.m. There were no witnesses.

He was found dying on the sidewalk by a policeman on his way to work, who called an ambulance. A doctor pronounced him dead at the scene.

Despite his tender age, yesterday's victim also had a criminal record and had dropped out of school before his probation officer instructed him to return to his studies.

Police believe the killing was a settling of underworld scores between rival gangs, and that Romano-Harari paid the price for his uncle, Ronni Harari, a state's witness in a murder case some six months ago.

Around a year ago Amir Zecharia, a known criminal from a rival gang in the area, was murdered. (Continued on Page 9)

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# IDF further eases closure

## Palestinian caught trying to smuggle passports

ARIEH O'SULLIVAN

A PALESTINIAN who had a permit to transport Arabic-language newspapers from the West Bank to the Gaza Strip was caught trying to smuggle passports yesterday.

Soldiers at Erez Crossing found the undisclosed number of Palestinian Authority passports in a routine security check on the man who had a permit to travel freely between Judea and Samaria and the Gaza Strip. Since the closure, the Palestinian had brought the newspapers from Jerusalem to Erez where he handed them over to a contact at the crossing.

While Israeli officials said the deed had no hostile intent, it was seen as a manipulation of goodwill.

"We see it as a breach of faith. This may not have been a hostile act of smuggling, but transporting these things was not permitted," said Shlomo Dror, spokesman for government coordinator in the territories Maj.-Gen. Oren Shohar.

He said the man was detained and lost his travel permit. He was later released, Dror said.

The March 4 Dizengoff suicide bomber used the Karni freight crossing, which Israel had kept open despite the closure following three suicide bombings, to sneak into Israel.

Yesterday the IDF further eased the restrictions on Palestinians and doubled the number of laborers allowed in the Erez industrial park in the northern Gaza Strip to 2,000, the same



Workers wait yesterday outside the Erez Industrial Park for permission to return to their jobs.(AP)

number before the closure.

The IDF also allowed textiles, cement and other raw materials into the Gaza Strip through the Erez Crossing.

For the first time since the closure was imposed, the army allowed Gazans to start exporting goods. Yesterday, some 10 trucks of flowers were allowed through Karni Crossing and today jeans

and other clothing will be allowed to be exported.

"This will certainly ease the pressures on the Palestinians. It is not as much as they want, but opening the border completely as it was before won't happen," said Dror.

He added that the freight crossing was operating under stricter security procedures which

sharply limit the number of trucks to pass. Less than 40 trucks are able to use the facilities now compared with over 400 before the closure.

The army, meanwhile, continued its raids in the West Bank and arrested nine suspected Hamas activists. Twenty other men were taken in for questioning, an army statement said.

# Arab leaders: Reopen Islamic Relief and lift closure

DAVID RUDGE

ISRAELI Arab leaders yesterday called for the reopening of the Islamic Relief Committee's office in Nazareth and for the lifting of the closure.

The call was made at the end of a meeting in Shfaram of the so-called monitoring committee of the Israeli Arab leadership, composed of MKs, council heads and leading public figures.

Participants maintained that the Relief Committee, whose office was closed by Defense Minister Shimon Peres and OC Northern Command Maj. Gen. Amiram Levie on Sunday, was a humanitarian aid organization only. The Relief Committee office was shut and thousands of shekels in cash and checks as well as documents and office equipment were confiscated, on suspicion it has been transferring

funds to the families of Hamas activists.

Committee representatives are to appeal against the confiscation of the property and the closure order. Islamic Movement spokesman Ibrahim Sarsur reiterated yesterday that the committee was a perfectly legitimate body which operated openly along similar lines to the National Insurance Institute.

He maintained that the action was a result of the political pressure initiated at the international anti-terror summit to clamp down on sources of funding for Hamas. "We feel that this action is the price which Prime Minister Peres is supposed to pay so as not to be accused by the international community of not doing anything

against the financial infrastructure of the Islamic Movement, when he wants the whole world to do something on this matter," said Sarsur.

"It is not a question of legitimacy or a problem of violating law, but a political problem which has brought about a very tragic action by the Israeli government. They are using us and the Islamic Relief Committee as scapegoats. I hope that Shimon Peres, who is very wise, and believes in strengthening relations between Jews and Arabs in the State, will cancel all the orders and restore all the (confiscated) property and bring this tragic matter to an end," he said.

Similar comments were expressed by participants at the monitoring committee meeting in Shfaram.

# Islamic Movement may yet run in Knesset race

DAVID RUDGE

THE Islamic Movement is again considering running in the Knesset elections on a unified Arab list, despite an earlier decision not to participate.

The consultative council, the supreme body of the movement, is to decide within two weeks following recommendations from leading members, including several council heads.

If the suggestion is approved this time the movement is expected to play a central role in helping to forge a united Arab list.

The main thrust of such a move would be to unify under one banner the newly-formed list led by Dr. Ahmed Tibi's Arab Movement for Change Party and MK Abdul Wahab Darawshe's Arab Democratic Party.

Such a list would be likely to win widespread support from other Arab council heads and leading public figures in the Arab sector, as well as among the electorate itself.

In the past the Islamic Movement has shied away from running in the Knesset elections, including a few months ago when its supreme council decided not to participate directly but to allow all supporters to choose for themselves whether to vote or not. The fact that the matter is even being reconsidered indicates that there might now be a sufficient groundswell of support in the leadership itself in favor of direct participation.

"In the past few months we have been watching what has been going on in the Arab sector and the efforts to unite all the political streams," said Ibrahim Sarsur, spokesman for the Islamic Movement. "We came to the conclusion that without us playing a central role in all these efforts nothing will come of them. That is why we have submitted a suggestion to the consultative council to reconsider previous decisions," said Sarsur, who is head of the Kfar Kassem local council in the Triangle.

"I have the feeling that this time there is no way back and the decision that is scheduled to be taken in a few weeks will be in favour of participation," he said.

# NRP list sticks mostly with same old faces

ANALYSIS  
LIAT COLLINS

THE National Religious Party's Knesset candidate list elected Sunday is more of the same. Only one of the current five MKs, Avner Shaki, failed to reach a realistic spot; the only new name with a safe slot is Zvi Handel, head of the Gush Katif Regional Council.

NRP leader Zevulun Hammer called the list "balanced." MK Yigal Bibi said it reflected "the traditional Jewish values sought by its voters."

Many political pundits, noting the party has rejected its last electoral slogan of "The NRP to your right," predicted it would renew its ties with Labor should Labor be reelected. Hammer, however,

said it would do everything to ensure that the next government would be headed by Likud leader Benjamin Netanyahu. "If Labor wins, the NRP will consider its options," he said.

The new list comprises: 1. Hammer, 2. Shaul Yahalom, 3. Yitzhak Levy, 4. Yigal Bibi, 5. Hendel, and 6. Hanan Porat. Two newcomers in the seventh and eighth slots are Shmaryahu Ben-Tsur, the head of the Religious Teachers Union, and Avraham Stern, of the Religious Kibbutz Movement. Both are considered to be political moder-

ates. Shaki was ranked ninth.

The two women candidates failed to be elected to realistic spots.

Environment Minister Yossi Sarid (Meretz) said the list showed why his party had blocked the possibility of the NRP joining the government four months ago.

He said the moderates had been pushed aside and the movement had become the representative of the settlers.

In response, several NRP MKs noted the movement had not changed but continued to repre-

sent the belief in settlements. Two of the MKs live in Gush Etzion, which Labor has repeatedly said is not up for negotiations.

In order for the NRP to support Labor a solution will have to be found on the status of settlements and Jerusalem - NRP red lines due to be discussed with the Palestinians in the final status talks.

At present it seems more likely that the NRP will try to join up with haredi parties in a religious front after the elections. Should Labor win, the religious bloc could then enter coalition negotiations as one and attempt to alter Oslo from a position of power.

# Likud to meet for approval of Gesher, Tsomet ticket

SARAH HONIG and Irit

DAVID Levy and Rafael Eitan will address the Likud central committee this afternoon at its special session called to approve the joint ticket with Gesher and Tsomet.

The 3,600 members have been summoned to the Tel Aviv fairgrounds, and according to party rules over half of committee membership must approve the deals for them to be ratified.

Tel Aviv Mayor Ronni Milo yesterday told Likud chairman Binjamin Netanyahu that he would not accept his offer to run the session so as not to interfere

with MK Tzahi Hanegbi's right to do so. Hanegbi was chosen to replace former Likud central committee head Maxim Levy after the latter quit the Likud along with David Levy. Hanegbi also ran the previous central committee gathering.

Those planning the session say Netanyahu will enter with Eitan and Levy at his side. To help turn the affair into a celebration, balloons will descend on the participants from the auditorium's ceiling.

Levy will arrive after his own Gesher party will have earlier this afternoon approved the deal as well. This presented a special problem with the newborn Gesher, as the party has no forums. Thus Levy summoned what he called the "party founders" to vote for the deal.

This same group will also be entrusted with rubber-stamping his choice of Knesset candidates to fill the slots vacated for them by the Likud. The Tsomet central committee has already okayed the agreement with the Likud.

# Jerusalem Tsomet chairman 'defects' to Meretz

MICHAEL YUDELMAN

THE chairman of Tsomet's Jerusalem branch, Gilad Gamarov-Shaked, quit his party last Friday and joined Meretz, following Tsomet's union with the Likud and Gesher.

"Gamarov-Shaked is the first swallow which will bring thousands of Tsomet voters who swayed between Tsomet and Meretz," said Meretz's Knesset faction chairman Ran Cohen. Gamarov-Shaked, formerly of

Kibbutz Hama'apil, was a veteran Tsomet activist and staunch supporter of Tsomet chairman

MK Rafael Eitan. He headed Tsomet's election campaign in Jerusalem and was elected the first Knesset candidate in this party's Jerusalem district, which placed him 30th in Tsomet's Knesset list. Gamarov-Shaked, who had

joined Tsomet because of its firm positions against religious coercion and determination to narrow social gaps, and because of Eitan's political integrity, was bitterly opposed to the Tsomet-Likud union.

He said the union with the Likud "makes it impossible for me and many like me in Tsomet to continue acting to change Israel's social image and fighting against religious coercion."

# Peres will not intervene in Barak-Ramon dispute

MICHAEL YUDELMAN

PRIME Minister Shimon Peres yesterday approved the Labor Party's election campaign theme, as set by campaign information head Interior Minister Haim Ramon.

Peres's approval of Ramon's campaign strategy reinstated Ramon's position as superior to Foreign Minister Ehud Barak, in charge of Peres's personal campaign. Peres said yesterday that he

has no intention of intervening in the reported authority struggle between Ramon and Barak concerning the campaign line. "They are both adult, wise men and I'm sure they'll find a modus vivendi and work together," Peres said.

Labor leaders yesterday denied reports of any tension between Barak and Ramon, who are both contending for the No. 2 slot on

Labor's Knesset list. They are also reported to be at loggerheads over the extent to which Peres should be exposed to the media.

Barak yesterday dismissed the rumors of tension, calling them "a media invention. I'm altogether nine months in politics, less than a pregnancy, and haven't yet had time to fight with anyone. I imagine this fight thing will evaporate."

# Yisrael Ba'aliya leaders leaning to the Right

ANALYSIS  
BATSHEVA TSUR

"YOU sound like you're reading from our platform," Natan Sharansky quipped as Likud leader Binjamin Netanyahu outlined his party programs to the delegates at the founding conference of Yisrael Ba'aliya on Sunday.

This perhaps unintentional nod at the Likud did not go unnoticed by many of the delegates. Sharansky has been insisting his party is centrist, and delegates are not being told whom to choose as prime minister. But a glance at the list of candidates, and at some of the paragraphs in the platform, shows a clear preponderance to the Right.

Sharansky, No. 1 on the list, took pains, at least until the founding of his movement half a year ago, to maintain an apolitical stance. No. 2 Michael Nudel-

man, an economics professor at Tel Hai college, is a Kiryat Shmona city councillor known as a centrist.

But the third and fourth slots on the list are held by two people clearly identified with the Right. Former prisoner of Zion Yuli Edelshtein, a resident of Alon Shvut and a well-known educator, served for two years as advisor to Netanyahu but says his views do not bind the rest of the party. No. 4, economist and former aliya activist Yuri Stern, also makes no bones about his rightist views on security and diplomacy.

Next on the list is Marina Solodkin, a political scientist at Hebrew University, who gradually

begin disavowing her former connections with the Left as she became disenchanted with the government's absorption policies. "She moved a little toward the center, from the Left, and Stern moved a little from the Right toward the center. Everyone has to make concessions," one party activist said yesterday.

Nevertheless, Prime Minister Shimon Peres's address to the gathering apparently did not fall completely on deaf ears. While he engaged several hecklers in discussion, Peres apparently succeeded in convincing some other members of the party to cast their ballots for him. "I came in a Bibi supporter but now I'll vote Peres

[for premier]" said Julia Hochman, an economist from Tel Aviv, in her twenties. "I'm voting Peres," said the secretary of the party's youth wing, Alex Windberg, of Haifa, 22. Two pensioners from Ashkelon, Elena Hoffman and Rosa Grinberg, felt that "Peres is more intelligent [than Netanyahu]. He is taking the right path."

The question is whether Peres will be able to count on the votes of the party's leaders and the remainder of the new immigrant population which contributed so heavily to Labor's success at the 1992 polls.

### CORRECTION

The photo caption on yesterday's page 12 picture should have given the French chef's name as Joel Robuchon.



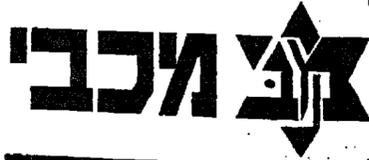
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# Yeshiva head appeals detention

EVELYN GORDON

THE Supreme Court yesterday heard an appeal by Rabbi Yitzhak Ginsburgh, head of the Od Yosef Chai Yeshiva in Nablus, against his administrative detention.

Justice Dalia Dornier is to issue her decision within the next few days. The delay is meant to give Ginsburgh's lawyers time to submit samples of his articles and lectures, to prove that, contrary to the state's claim, he is not inciting students to commit violence against Arabs.

Ginsburgh, a Habad rabbi who lives in Kfar Habad, was detained last week for 60 days. According to attorneys Naftali Werzberger and Mordechai Mintzer, the state has admitted that Ginsburgh himself does not pose a danger, but fears that some student might misunderstand his lectures and do violence to Arabs as a result.

Ginsburgh has called for the state to take action against Arabs in response to the recent wave of terror attacks, but says he has made it clear that he is calling for action by the state, and not from individuals.

According to Mintzer, Tel Aviv

District Court Judge Menachem Ilan, who heard Ginsburgh's initial appeal again.

at his detention, said he understood the distinction Ginsburgh was making, but nevertheless agreed with the state that a not-too-bright student might fail to grasp the distinction, and therefore agreed that Ginsburgh was dangerous.

"By this logic, a university lecturer wouldn't be able to teach for fear that one of his students might misunderstand his message," said Werzberger.

Werzberger said this is the first time a Jew has been placed in administrative detention, not because the state considered him a danger, but because he might unwittingly encourage someone else to commit a crime.

"This is a detention on pure ideology," he said, adding that the state did not supply any cases in which one of Ginsburgh's students actually terrorized an Arab because of his lectures.

The entire hearing was held behind closed doors, as mandated by law. However, Werzberger said Dornier sharply criticized this procedure, and told government attorney Michael Blass that the law should be changed.

Meanwhile, in other news, the Prisons Service has agreed to allow another administrative detainee, Aryeh Friedman, to pray with a minyan and get kosher food from home. The state had been ordered to grant Friedman these benefits by Supreme Court Justice Zvi Tal, on the grounds that Friedman has not been charged with anything, and should therefore be allowed all the privileges of an innocent man, consistent with security considerations. The Prisons Service had initially refused to obey this order, but agreed to do so after Friedman reapplied to Tal.

Mintzer, who is Friedman's attorney, also said the state had promised to release Friedman before Pesach - about 10 days early - if no new information is received to indicate that he might be a danger.



Rabbi Yitzhak Ginsburgh is escorted into the Supreme Court yesterday to appeal his administrative detention. (Flash 90)

## Filipino man gets three life terms for slayings

RAINE MARCUS

A FILIPINO national who murdered three people last year, including two Filipinas, was sentenced to three consecutive life sentences by the Tel Aviv District Court yesterday.

Joss Matias was arrested after a lengthy investigation following the discovery of Donna Pinol and her boyfriend Avner Harel, whose decomposed bodies were found in a vehicle left running in the parking lot at Morasha cemetery.

The two had been bound and gagged and had been stabbed dozens of times. Their bodies were initially left for around a week near Petah Tikva's Rabin (Bellinson) Hospital before the murderer moved them to the cemetery.

Around six months earlier, the body of Rosita Salillas was found in the Ramat Gan villa where she was employed. She had been stabbed and shot. The pistol had been stolen by Matias's cousin who is still awaiting trial. A third man escaped to the Philippines. The murderers stole cameras and gold jewelry valued at around \$3,000 from Salillas.

However, police made no headway with the investigation and only solved the murder of Salillas after they probed the double murder of Pino and Harel. The latter investigation also took police several months and involved the questioning hundreds of members of the Philippine community here, following the unwillingness of the embassy to assist detectives.

Robbery was also the motive in the slaying of Pinol, who was a beautician and who sold jewelry to her fellow Filipinas, and Matias and his accomplices stole tens of thousands of dollars worth of jewelry from her and Harel.

In sentencing Matias yesterday, Judge Sara Sirota said that charges of abduction and theft, not filed by the prosecution, were unnecessary compared to three charges of premeditated murder.

## Cajun goes Kosher at King David's Feast

CAJUN and kosher cooking don't usually come in the same mouthful, but when New Orleans chef Paul Prudhomme came to Israel, kosher took a turn for the spicier.

Prudhomme, chef of K-Paul's Louisiana Kitchen, was one of 14 international chefs who cooked up a 14-course banquet last night as part of the city's Jerusalem 3000 festivities.

Prudhomme's contribution to the \$600-a-plate feast: a specially created veal dish seasoned with the smoky flavors of his childhood in rural Louisiana.

"After learning about and starting to understand kosher rules, I thought it made more sense to start from scratch," Prudhomme said, as his team of chefs bustled about preparing for the King David's Feast.

Prudhomme and his staff took lessons in kosher cooking in New York and New Orleans before flying here. Making the change was easier than he had imagined, he said.

Leaving butter and cream out of recipes was similar to the process he went through when he wrote his low-fat cookbook *Fork in the Road*, he said.

"To me those things are a mind-set."

His offering for the Jerusalem 3000 feast: veal medallions wrapped in thin strips of smoked veal tasso served with a mango glaze, seasoned vegetables and couscous.

The tasso is based on the smoked and dried meats Prudhomme grew up with in Opelousas, La., where his family cooked over a wood-burning stove and preserved food by smoking and drying because they had no refrigerator.

Prudhomme's veal dish was the 13th course in a meal that ran the gamut from Paris Chef Joel Robuchon's truffled cream of white beans with smoked goose breast to gelee of Acacia honey with strawberries prepared by Chef Michel Trama of Puymirol, France.

For Gershon Schwadron, a Brooklyn chef and Orthodox Jew who volunteered to work on Prudhomme's team, it was a once-in-a-lifetime experience.

"I could never eat Prudhomme or Robuchon's food because it wasn't kosher," he explained. "The only time I get kosher cajun food is when I turn on my oven. This is a dream come true."

Prudhomme said he's barely had time to taste the local cuisine. But he plans to remedy that before he leaves - with cooking lessons from three Israeli chefs. (AP)

## Man convicted 7½ years after murdering grocer

A TEL AVIV man was convicted yesterday of the murder of a grocer during an attempted robbery in the city in 1988.

Oren Damari was one of three masked men who entered Daniel Habib's store in the city's Yad Eliahu district in November 1988.

When asked to leave by Habib and his wife, one of them stabbed the grocer to death, with the three then fleeing without taking anything.

Police were unable to find those

responsible for seven years, but Damari was arrested about a year ago after information was received by police. Police then determined that the three who entered the grocery were Damari, Roni Amram and Yitzhak Amsalem. Amram turned state's witness and was tried for attempted robbery and sentenced to seven years in jail.

Amsalem was also sentenced to attempted robbery and received a two-year jail term.

Tel Aviv District Court Judges Amnon Strashnov, Ze'ev Hammer and Shelly Timan were divided regarding Damari's conviction, with Timan questioning the reliability of Amram's testimony.

Hammer believed Amram was the one who stabbed the grocer, but agreed with Strashnov, who headed the tribunal, and convicted the accused. He is to be sentenced at a later date.

(Itim)

## Police recommend charging former ministry spokesman

BILL HUTMAN

THE investigation into allegations of bribe-taking by former Transport Ministry spokesman Eli Danon is completed and the findings have been passed on to the Tel Aviv District Attorney's Office, the police spokesman announced yesterday. Police sources said the files turned over included a recommendation that charges be filed against Danon.

The police spokesman declined to comment, on grounds police do not officially announce their recommendations on whether to file charges. The investigation was carried out by the National Fraud Squad and forced the resignation of Danon from his post last year. Danon was also put under house arrest during a period of the inquiry. Police found Danon received large kickbacks from several advertising agencies in return for approving them to work on ministry projects, the sources said. The agency owners were also investigated and may also be charged, the sources added.

## Haredi hotel to be built on Mt. Meron

HAIM SHAPIRO

PRIVATE mikvas, banquet halls, and a helicopter landing pad for rebbes are to be among the facilities at Hadar Meron, a haredi hotel on Mt. Meron.

The 250-room, four-star hotel, whose cornerstone is to be laid today, is expected to cost some \$22 million. It is to include special suites for the hassidic rebbes, each with its own private mikva. A series of banquet halls will make it possible for every rebbe to host his own meal.

According to project manager Yoav Tal, the cornerstone laying was preceded by intensive seismographic soundings, to ensure the construction of the hotel would not disturb any ancient burial sites.

All construction work will be carried out in accordance with ATRA Kadisha, the organization to protect ancient Jewish burial places. A special panoramic walkway is to connect the hotel with the nearby tomb of Rabbi Shimon Bar Yochai.

### NEWS IN BRIEF

**New study center for Dead Sea Scrolls**  
The Qion Center for the Study of the Dead Sea Scrolls and Associated Literature is to be dedicated today at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. The center was initiated by Jewish studies Prof. Michael Stone, who is its first chairman. It will concentrate all aspects of the study of the scrolls, the deciphering of which is nearing completion. *Jerusalem Post Staff*

**Jerusalem Conference of Mayors opens**  
OVER 40 mayors from all over the world are slated to attend the Jerusalem Conference of Mayors, which opens today in the capital. The week-long conference, held annually since 1980, is to center on discussions and lectures connected with the theme, "Uniqueness, Diversity, and Development." President Ezer Weizman, Prime Minister Shimon Peres, and Mayor Ehud Olmert are to address the gathering. Organizers said a large turnout was expected. *Bill Hutman*

**Dozens of youths held for drugs**  
Police have arrested several dozen Hadera-area youths on suspicion of using illegal drugs, including hashish, marijuana, LSD, and Ecstasy. Among those arrested were nine 15-year-old girls. Police said an informant led to the arrests of the teenagers, some of whom would smoke hashish and marijuana on the grounds of a Hadera high school. Three adults suspected of dealing drugs were also arrested and remanded for seven days. *Itim*

## New French Hill overpass to open in capital

BILL HUTMAN

DRIVERS in Jerusalem who suffered recently from the traffic jams caused by the visit of President Clinton were yesterday given something to cheer about by City Hall - a promise that the second French Hill overpass will open at the end of the month.

The opening should greatly ease the commute from northern

Jerusalem neighborhoods such as Pissgat Ze'ev and Neveh Ya'acov, and other areas to the north, the city spokesman said in a statement yesterday.

The first span of the overpass was finished last year and has already greatly improved the commute from north Jerusalem.

The single two-lane span has been used for traffic in both directions, at the busy intersections of Ma'aleh Adumim and Ramallah Roads.

The total cost of the about 400-meter-long two-span overpass was NIS 10 million.

The spokesman said the official opening of the second span would be on Sunday, March 31.

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- Complex drainage systems have been installed, incorporating special oil-separators that protect water sources in the area.
- The new generating units are equipped with noise-reduction acoustic casing.
- Israel Electric's environmental policy is based on the need to meet the country's growing demand for more reliable electricity, and to ensure Israel's population a better quality of life.

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# 'Appeals against army court should go to High Court'

EVELYN GORDON

ANYONE who wants to appeal a decision of the army's judge advocate-general should go to the High Court of Justice, rather than to the attorney-general as has been the procedure until now, Attorney-General Michael Ben-Yair said yesterday.

Ben-Yair issued his statement in response to last week's ruling by Northern Command Military Court, which denied the attorney-general's right to overrule the judge advocate-general.

"Since the decision of the military court is the one that determines the issue, I don't see how the procedure of an appeal to the attorney-general can continue to exist," Ben-Yair said in a letter to Judge Advocate-General Uri Shoham. "The decision of the military court essentially cancels the appeal procedure... From now on, [the judge advocate-general] should refer bereaved families directly to the High Court."

The military court's decision was issued in the case of Lt. Yehoshua Sadiel, who was charged with negligence leading to the death by friendly fire of one of his soldiers, Haim Bar-Natan, in Lebanon in 1992. The army had originally decided not to try Sadiel, saying his negligence was not severe enough to warrant an indictment, given that the unit was conducting an actual operation rather than an exercise. Bar-Natan's parents then appealed this ruling to Ben-Yair, who decided last year that Sadiel should be tried for negligence.

Last week, however, the military court threw out the indictment, saying Ben-Yair had no right to overrule the judge advocate-general's decision, because the appeals procedure is rooted not in law but in a 1980 decision by the attorney-general. The procedure had been recommended by the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee, which thought there should be an appellate layer between the judge advocate-general and the High Court. However, the military court said, since it was never enshrined in law, the procedure could not be binding. The attorney-general could merely try to persuade the judge advocate-general to change his mind.

Ben-Yair said this ruling voids the entire procedure of any content. No one is going to bother appealing to the attorney-general if the appeal has no power to change anything, he noted. Furthermore, he said, it is inappropriate for the attorney-general to hear such appeals if his decisions will not be binding, since then he is simply serving as a legal fig leaf for the decisions of the judge advocate-general.



Italian IFOR soldiers guard suspected arsonists arrested in the center of Grbavica, the last Serb-held suburb of Sarajevo yesterday. Fires raged unattended in the suburb as NATO troops patrolled the streets trying to preserve order ahead of its transfer to the Moslem-Croat federation today.

# Serbs loot Sarajevo suburb, NATO raps both sides

SARAJEVO (Reuters) - Fleeing Serbs hurriedly plundered a smoldering Sarajevo suburb yesterday one day before its transfer to Moslem-Croat rule as NATO's chief accused both sides of undermining Bosnia's peace process.

NATO troops detained three men, two of them armed with hand-grenades, after they tried to remove a road-sign in Grbavica, the last of five Serb-held suburbs due to come under federation control today.

Fires which had blazed unattended overnight continued to smoulder on Grbavica's steep hillside above Sarajevo.

At least 16 residents of Grbavica spent the night at a UN "safe house" in the district rather than risk being attacked in their homes by roaming bands.

NATO sources said a burning house in the area that exploded yesterday contained stored ammunition set off by the fire.

Serb fire and police officials have refused to carry out their duties in Grbavica in recent

weeks, helping to create a climate of lawlessness guaranteed to drive all but the strongest out of town in accord with separatist Serb ideology.

Yesterday afternoon some 40 Bosnian Serb police in blue uniforms drove off in buses and cars, delivering the suburb entirely to the looters and NATO troops until the arrival of 100 federation police at 0600 today.

But even after the transfer Grbavica's few remaining residents are unlikely to see a return to peace and order.

Moslems and Croats driven from their homes in the disputed area at the beginning of the Bosnian war nearly four years ago are keen to reclaim their properties, setting the stage for a potentially ugly confrontation.

In Brussels, NATO Secretary-General Javier Solana said the alliance's military mission in Bosnia was on track but expressed concern over the deteriorating political situation.

"In forcing people to leave, the Bosnian Serb authorities have behaved abominably and the

actions of the Federation authorities have been far from reassuring," Solana told a news conference.

In suburbs already transferred to federation control the mostly elderly Serbs who chose to remain have endured intimidation and forced evictions by returning Moslems and Croats. The authorities have often failed to protect them.

"Although we must be pleased that Sarajevo is once again a united society, the way this has come about is a terrible blow to our vision of a multi-ethnic Bosnia," said Solana.

Solana, seated alongside NATO's Supreme Allied Commander in Europe General George Joulwan, called on the creaky Moslem-Croat federation, a cornerstone of the Dayton accords, to do more to stop violence in Sarajevo.

The federation's own uncertain future featured on the agenda of a high-level meeting yesterday called in Geneva by US Secretary of State Warren Christopher to discuss the prob-

# Germans tighten security as Iran explosives found

MUNICH (Reuters) - Munich police said yesterday they had tightened security at Israeli premises and other possible terror targets after Belgian police found explosives destined for the south German city on an Iranian ship.

They also briefly arrested a 42-year-old Iranian businessman on suspicion of "preparing to commit an explosives offense," and searched the freighter, now in Hamburg harbor. Police said the man was the intended recipient of the explosives.

The investigations did not immediately produce any concrete indication of what the target of an attack might have been, Munich authorities said.

Despite this, security was tightened another notch at Israeli premises, already under close guard since the wave of suicide bombings in Israel by radical Palestinians opposed to the peace process.

Police said they had searched the Munich home and offices of the businessman, active in imports and exports, but found no explosives. They released him after questioning.

Media reports said the explosives had been found hidden among garlic and cucumbers on the *Iran Kollahdooz* when it docked in Antwerp after a voyage from Bandar Abbas in Iran.

In Teheran yesterday, Moslem radicals marched to the German embassy to protest against a warrant issued in Germany for the arrest of an Iranian minister in connection with the 1992 killing of exiled Kurdish leaders.

Several hundred demonstrators marched to the heavily-guarded embassy in central Teheran to condemn the German action against Iran's Intelligence [Internal Security] Minister Ali Fallahian.

"Germany must apologize and take back this accusation... Otherwise, Iranians will add 'Death to Germany' to their usual slogans against America and Israel," a speaker at the rally said on a loudspeaker mounted on top of a truck.

Germany is Iran's main trading partner.

## IDF implements conclusions drawn from recent fatal attack in south Lebanon

ARIEH O'SULLIVAN

THE Northern Command has completed its investigation into the March 4 ambush which killed a senior officer and three soldiers and wounded nine, the army said.

"The lessons were learned and the necessary conclusions drawn," an army spokesman communique said. It added steps were being taken to intensify the battle against Hizbullah, but did not elaborate.

The soldiers were killed by an explosive charge while pursuing gunmen who opened fire at a border patrol near Kibbutz Manara. But a senior military source told *Yedioth Aharonot* that the blast occurred as the soldiers gathered for a briefing before pursuing the gunmen. He said the number of casualties was large because the troops deviated from procedure.

# Jordan Valley settlers disappointed by Peres meeting

HEADS of Jordan Valley settlements and representatives from Ma'aleh Ephraim emerged disappointed from a meeting yesterday with Prime Minister Shimon Peres.

Jordan Valley Settlements Committee chairman David Alhayani said the settlers had several complaints regarding unfulfilled promises by government officials. He said the Agriculture Ministry had reduced grants to vintners and date growers, and that Housing and Construction Minister Binyamin Ben-Eliezer yesterday reneged on his promise last week to invest NIS 10 million in the Jordan Valley road.

The meeting shows that, on the one hand, Prime Minister Shimon Peres makes political statements saying the Jordan Valley settlements will not be evacuated and promises to look out for their economic future, while on the other hand, what really happens is that the government ministries do the opposite," Jordan Valley Regional Council head David Levy said.

Alhayani added that there was concern about the lack of development of water resources in the Jordan Valley, which affects plans for absorbing new residents. "This problem not only affects new people, but also my son who is a soldier and will want to settle in the Jordan Valley," he said.

The meeting was attended by Peres, Interior Minister Haim Ramon, Finance Minister Abraham Shohat, and Ben-Eliezer. The director-general of the Prime Minister's Office, Zvi Alderoti, was appointed to coordinate ministries' handling of the settlers' requests.

A statement issued by the Prime Minister's Office following the meeting quoted the settlers as saying, "This government has done more in the past three years than its predecessors in the previous 10." The statement also noted that the government had invested NIS 323m. in the region between 1993-96, or some NIS 62,000 per resident.

## 70 youths have AIDS

BATSHEVA TSUR

SOME 70 youngsters are known to be "living with AIDS," in the country, the head of the Israel AIDS Task Force said yesterday, and the majority are able to stay in school.

The task force has signed an agreement with the Education Ministry putting it in charge of information to schoolchildren about the prevention of AIDS. The team will work in cooperation with the ministry's psychological service, task force head Patrick Levy said yesterday.

Levy, who was forced to resign his position as a teacher after contracting AIDS, said the school principal, the inspector and the education minister have to be informed when a pupil has HIV.

Recent research has shown that as soon as a person tests HIV positive he develops some of the symptoms of AIDS and therefore there is no longer a distinction between carriers and those actually sick with the virus. This is why the term "living with AIDS" has been introduced, he said.

The ministry has allocated the task force a sum of NIS 50,000 for the current fiscal year which will go toward setting up information centers about AIDS in different parts of the country, workshops, an AIDS hot line and other activities for youth, Levy said.

There are officially some 1,700 people in Israel living with AIDS, Levy said, but the number of those infected is believed to be at least twice as high. The task force has an annual budget of NIS 700,000 for its other activities, he said.

With heartfelt condolences to the family, and in deep sorrow, we mourn the loss of  
**MARLENE GREBLER**  
Daphna Poskanzer and family

# Odysseus Elytis, Greek Nobel Poet, 84

ATHENS (AP) - Odysseus Elytis, the Nobel-winning poet famed for his sensuous lyrics about Greece's islands and turbulent history, died yesterday. He was 84.

Elytis died at his Athens home at 2 p.m. of a heart attack, his doctor said. He had been in ill health over the last decade, repeatedly being hospitalized with lymph and lung problems. Dr. Theofanis Economopoulos said.

Elytis was to be buried at his family plot at the Athens 1st Cemetery on this afternoon, his

lawyer George Stefanakis said.

In recent days Elytis had insisted that no official speeches be made following his death.

"The day before he died and he asked me that there be no fanfare, nor that he lie in state, nor eulogies," Stefanakis said. "This is his last will and testament."

Elytis had never married. In recent years he had been living with a fellow poet, Ioulita Liouppoulou.

Elytis, a shy recluse known for his Spartan lifestyle, was awarded

the Nobel Prize for literature in 1979, becoming the second Greek poet to receive the award.

The Swedish Academy said at the time that Elytis's poetry "starts out from the Greek tradition and describes, with emotional power and high spiritual distinction, modern man's struggle for freedom and creativity."

Elytis was best known in Greece as the author of an epic poem, *Axion Esti* (Worthy It Be), described as a "Bible for the Greek people" by composer Mikis

Theodorakis who set it to music.

Born Odysseus Alepoudellis on 2 Nov. 1911 in Iraklion on Crete, the son of a wealthy family of soap manufacturers, Elytis lived most of his life in a modest Athens bachelor apartment.

But he shunned Athenian social and intellectual circles, preferring to devote himself to what he called a "constant quest for the truth in my work, where the most difficult thing is to concentrate on the essential, the pure."

# Central African leaders launch crackdown on Rwanda intimidators

TUNIS (AP) - Targeting intimidation as the chief obstacle to repatriating Rwanda's refugees, five Central African leaders launched a new crackdown yesterday on bullies in the camps.

Former US President Jimmy Carter announced the measures, closing a summit aimed at solving Africa's most pressing crisis - the refusal of 1.7 million exiled Rwandans to return to a nation bloodied by genocide in 1994.

"The goal is for all refugees who are not guilty of genocide to return to Rwanda," said Carter, who mediated three days of talks in this North African capital.

"The uncertainty is convincing the refugees that it's safe and advantageous to return," he said. "Removing intimidators will be another major step."

Extremists in refugee camps in neighboring Burundi, Tanzania, Uganda and Zaire have stirred fears that returnees risk jail, torture or even death.

The exodus began 2 1/2 years ago, when extremists of the majority Hutu ethnic group that ruled Rwanda at the time massacred an estimated 500,000 people, most members of the Tutsi minority or moderate Hutus.

A Tutsi-led government now runs Rwanda, and has urged all exiled Rwandans to return. No reprisals have been reported among the 48,000 refugees who have returned to Rwanda since October, when a similar refugee summit was held in Egypt, Carter said.

Rwandan sources say that is

not true and many returning refugees have been arrested. Rumors and threats also abound, frightening people from going home.

Intimidators will be identified and arrested, and those suspected in cross-border raids into Rwanda will be slapped with travel restraints and have their financial assets frozen, Carter said.

About 100 known intimidators have been identified in camps in Tanzania, and 400 extremists have been arrested for sneaking back to Rwanda to carry out ambush killings, Carter said.

In a joint statement, the five African leaders pledged to "shut down the arms flow to all those perpetrating cross-border raids."

Noting that Rwanda's government had "urgently requested" that 300 human rights monitors be sent to ensure the refugees' safe return, the leaders called on the international community to put up the necessary funds.

"We are taking all necessary steps to ensure their return in safety and comfort," Rwandan President Pasteur Bizimungu told a closing news conference. He said Rwanda was prepared to handle the return of 15,000 to 20,000 refugees a day.

Their refusal to budge has created a political liability for the countries that took them in, particularly Zaire, which houses 1 million refugees in 42 camps. There have been fears that Zaire might resort to force to make the refugees leave if they don't go home voluntarily.

## Ministry of Health

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Examination Board: Internship Qualification Examination, in accordance with the regulation of the Physicians' Law 1988.

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 **Germans tighten security as Iran explosives found**

# Dunblane begins to bury its dead

**DUNBLANE (Reuter)** - The people of Dunblane yesterday buried the first of the 16 little children slaughtered last week in a vengeful attack by an embittered former scoutmaster. Friends and families of the children, all aged five and six, started a harrowing week of funerals by laying to rest Joanna Ross and Emma Crozier, best friends and classmates in the doomed primary one class at Dunblane Primary School. Those inside the gloomy grey church and a further 500 standing in the churchyard were left alone by the massed eyes of the world's media, who agreed to stay away from the funerals. Details of the service were passed to journalists by the police. The two five-year-olds were among those gunned down last Wednesday by firearms fanatic Thomas Hamilton, who also killed a teacher before shooting himself. "To their respective parents each child was precious, loved

dearly and cared for tenderly at home," priest William Gilmour told the hundreds of people crammed into a church in Bridge of Allan, just three km from Dunblane. "We can appreciate their high hopes for the future womanhood of Emma and Joanna. However, as we are too tragically aware, neither (girl) was allowed to fulfil her parents' aspirations." The funerals of Abigail McLennan and Kevin Hassel, also aged five, were due to be held at a small Dunblane church later in the day. Six more of the murdered youngsters will be buried or cremated today. The rest, including teacher Gwennie Mayor, will have their funerals tomorrow and Thursday. Authorities have not said what they plan to do with Hamilton's body. Hospital workers said the eight children and two teachers still in hospital were all improving. Coll Austin and Amie Adam, who had been in intensive care,

were taken off the critical list at a hospital in Glasgow and doctors said they were progressive satisfactorily. The five wounded children in Stirling Royal Infirmary were also reported in good condition and two were expected to be sent home later in the week. Dunblane Primary School was scheduled to re-open on Friday. When students return, they will be greeted with a huge pile of stuffed toys sent from well-wishers around the world. Joanna Ross and Emma Crozier should have been inside the school yesterday morning, surrounded by the bright paintings and paper cut-outs that adorn the walls and windows of classrooms. The congregation sang hymns and relatives spoke about the little girls, their words relayed via loudspeakers to those standing outside. Many were in tears. Some 100 cars lined either side of the road outside the church, heavily guarded by police.



Sex Pistols (from left) Paul Cook, Johnny Rotten, Steve Jones, and Glen Matlock pose for photographers yesterday after announcing in London that they are to reform their ways and start a world tour in July. (Reuter)

## As Dole ponders, Powell dominates

**WASHINGTON (AP)** - To Illinois Gov. Jim Edgar, it would be an "electrifying choice" with the potential to dramatically strengthen the Republican Party. To conservative activist Gary Bauer, it would be a "terrible mistake," one that cost the GOP votes by the droves. Colin Powell, for his part, says it's a moot discussion - he has no interest in being the Republican vice presidential choice, a point he reiterated over the weekend. But that hasn't stopped a fierce debate, one certain to carry over until all-but-certain nominee Bob Dole decides on his running mate - or flatly rules out Powell. Neither is likely to happen soon. Dole doesn't plan to make his vice presidential pick until the Republican convention in August, and he is clearly intrigued with the idea of filling the ticket with Powell, the black retired general whose enormous popularity crosses party and racial lines. So the debate over picking Powell appears certain to carry on through the end of the primary season, if for no other reason than Dole rival Pat Buchanan has vowed to lead a convention revolt if Dole turns to Powell. In objecting, Buchanan cites Powell's support for abortion rights and his warnings that Republicans risk looking intolerant if they rush too quickly to end affirmative action programs and crack down on immigration. Buchanan, however, may have little leverage: He

has but 77 convention delegates - there will be roughly 2,000 total - and his prospects for gaining much in remaining primaries are not good. But he is hardly alone in opposing Powell. "I think Powell would be a great secretary of state, but to put him on as vice president would guarantee that the first six weeks after the convention would be spent trying to get the party's conservative base back in line," said Bauer, a conservative social activist who heads the Family Research Council. The Christian Coalition, the most politically active group in the Christian right, has also sent public signals that it views Powell as unacceptable. "He should choose a running mate that will not be irreconcilable to the Republican Party's winning majority of 1994," said executive director Ralph Reed. While Dole speaks glowingly of Powell, most of his senior political aides are wary of the idea, concerned about a conservative backlash. Others also worry that the Kansas senator would look weak if it were viewed that he picked Powell because he believed it was the only way to defeat President Clinton. And some fear that Dole would be overshadowed by his running mate because of the interest in the first black candidate on a major party ticket. Still, those within the Dole camp who are torn on the Powell question said the general's actions over the spring will determine whether he is interested and acceptable.

## China, Taiwan evacuate front-line islands

**CHINA** and Taiwan ordered the evacuation of front-line islands in the Taiwan Strait yesterday but poor weather appeared to have ruled out any fresh Chinese war games. The chief of staff of the People's Liberation Army, Fu Quanyou, said in Beijing that China must stand guard against the efforts of Western enemies who want to divide the country. "Western enemy forces' efforts to westernize and divide China will not change and the activities of Taiwan independence forces aimed at splitting the motherland will not cease," the official Xinhua news agency reported him as saying. China has been conducting missile tests off Taiwan and war games in the Taiwan Strait in a show of strength it says is aimed at keeping the island from declaring independence. The US has sent an aircraft carrier task force to the region and another is on the way. Beijing has warned US warships to stay out of the Taiwan Strait but Washington insists it has the right to move its forces through international waters. In one chilling sidelight, a senior US official said some lower-level Chinese officials had

told American officials Beijing would aim nuclear bombs at Los Angeles if the United States defended Taiwan against any future Chinese attack. US officials, however, viewed the threat as rhetoric. China signalled it would go ahead with plans for the sea, air and ground war games, ordering residents of islands it controls to evacuate by yesterday afternoon. Residents of several Chinese-held islands in the Taiwan Strait were moved out and fishermen were forced to stop operations in the area. Military fighters roared overhead and naval ships steamed in and out of fishing ports, said officials in Pingtan island, a command post for the military manoeuvres in China's southeastern Fujian province. "There are tanks, troop carriers and other military vehicles all over. The army has taken charge of local traffic," a radio station official said by telephone.

A Taiwanese defense ministry spokesman, referring to an area around the northern part of the Taiwan Strait where China was scheduled to launch its latest manoeuvres yesterday, said: "Because of bad weather we have not discovered any air or naval activities." In Brunei, a Chinese official said Beijing's approach to the Taiwan issue has no relation to another territorial dispute over the Spratly Islands. China, Malaysia, the Philippines, Brunei and Vietnam claim all or parts of the Spratlys, islands in the South China Sea believed to be rich in oil and gas. Vice Foreign Minister Tang Jiaxuan was answering a question about nervousness among the rival claimants after China began intimidating Taiwan with war games. Taiwan, he said, was an "internal matter," while the Spratlys involved several other nations in the region. "One should not confuse one with the other. The good relations with ASEAN (the Association of Southeast Asian Nations) countries including Brunei will certainly not be affected by the current events in the (Taiwan) Straits," he said.

## Winnie Mandela accused in court of adultery

**JOHANNESBURG (AP)** - In poignant, electric testimony, President Nelson Mandela accused his estranged wife, Winnie, of adultery yesterday at the start of divorce proceedings that promised to be contentious. Under direct examination by his lawyer, Mandela said that years of rumors that his wife had been unfaithful were proven to him in 1992 when a newspaper editor showed him a letter allegedly written by Mrs. Mandela to a lover. The letter "confirmed my decision never to reconcile with the defendant," Mandela said, standing erect in the witness stand and speaking in a clear, forceful voice. "I'm determined to get rid of this marriage. It exists only on paper." Mandela said he was convinced his wife wrote the letter, which was published in South African newspapers shortly after the couple separated in 1992. The letter's writer professed love for a Johannesburg attorney named Dali Mpofo, and said her own marriage collapsed because of the affair. The letter also linked Mpofo and Mrs. Mandela to the possible misuse of African National Con-

gress funds. Mrs. Mandela and Mpofo, who served on her defense team during her 1991 kidnapping trial, have denied having an affair. Mrs. Mandela took notes and looked down as her husband testified. She wore a black and gold silk blouse. Mandela told the court that when he left prison in 1990 after serving 27 years of a life sentence, he went to live with his wife in her mansion in the black township of Soweto. They experienced no real intimacy, he said. "I was the loneliest man during the period I stayed with her," Mandela said. When Mandela finished testifying, he walked over to his wife's bench and shook hands with her and her lawyers. He was scheduled to return to the stand for cross-examination today. The spectacle of one of the world's most respected statesmen testifying about the most private aspects of his life drew hundreds of people to the courthouse. They waited outside for hours and waved at Mandela's motorcade as he left.

## Kurd violence angers Germans

**BONN (AP)** - The government and opposition parties were in broad agreement yesterday to crack down on violent Kurds and to punish and deport their leaders after bloody clashes with policemen in several German cities. With an eye on important state elections this weekend, politicians from a broad spectrum said Germany's patience with militant Kurds had been exhausted. "Enough is enough," said Wolfgang Schaenble, floor leader of Chancellor Helmut Kohl's Christian Democrats in the federal parliament. Violent Kurds had "used up their right to hospitality," and have to be punished and deported, said a statement from the executive board of the opposition Social Democrats. Some warned against overzealous measures and using Kurdish-inspired disturbances to score cheap political points. But all parties sharply condemned the latest violence Saturday, when clashes between Kurdish demonstrators and police left 1,500 Kurds arrested and about 400 people injured.

## Mugabe gains embarrassing victory in Zimbabwe poll

**HARARE (AP)** - Just over 30 percent of voters cast ballots in Zimbabwe's presidential elections, giving President Robert Mugabe, the certain winner, the lowest voter turnout since becoming the first black ruler 16 years ago. Mariyawanda Zuwa, head of the state elections directorate, said about 1.5 million people voted and another 220,000 were turned away because they reported to the wrong polling stations. Results were expected today. The low turnout was an embar-

assment for Mugabe, who campaigned nationwide to dispel apathy and win a convincing mandate to counter complaints he has turned a once promising democracy into dictatorship. The figures from the two-day vote also expressed a sharp decline in public confidence. In the last presidential election in 1990, turnout among the 4.9 million registered voters was 54 percent. Declaring that the election was decided in advance, Mugabe's two opponents tried to withdraw last week. But elections officials

declared that neither candidate had filed to pull out in time and were still in the race, giving Mugabe the semblance of opposition. In early counting yesterday, Mugabe won all but one of the first seven constituencies counted. The other went to the Rev. Ndabaningi Sithole in his southeastern home stronghold of Chipinge. Sithole, who had tried to withdraw after declaring the secret police had disrupted his campaign, had urged his supporters

not to vote and said he would ignore votes cast on his behalf. The second challenger, Bishop Abel Muzorewa, also urged a boycott. Muzorewa had accused Mugabe's ruling party of writing elections laws in its favor and complained that millions of state dollars went to party coffers. Opposition groups get noting. Mugabe was the most headline of the black liberation leaders who fought a bush war against the white minority regime of what was then called Rhodesia in the 1970s.

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Two cases of civil rights

THE case of Nadia Matar should cause all civil libertarians in Israel to lose sleep. Matar is the leader of an activist protest movement, a rightist group known as Women in Green, which includes in its ranks the illustrious fighter for human rights Ida Nudel.

Viewing the Oslo agreement as an unmitigated disaster, the group fiercely opposes the government's policies. Its demonstrations have often been noisy, boisterous, and highly ingenious: it has mounted "street theater" tableaux to illustrate its message, and pounded pots and pans to draw attention. And while the language of its press releases and frequent proclamations is often crude and bordering on the offensive, it has scrupulously and consistently obeyed the law.

How and why Women in Green has managed to raise the hackles of the police is an enigma. But the fact is that law enforcement agencies have made the group, and particularly its leader Matar, a special target. On several occasions, she was arrested for no apparent reason, only to be held in the harrowing Russian Compound lock-up for as long as the law allows, and then released without charge.

Clearly, these harassment tactics were designed to break the group's spirit and cause its leader as much physical and mental anguish as possible. But on one occasion two years ago, the police went further. They arrested Matar on criminal charges, alleging that she attacked a high-ranking police officer, Mickey Levi, at a demonstration near the Supreme Court.

The most disturbing, indeed frightening, part of the story is that at the trial seven policemen swore that they saw the diminutive Matar assaulting Levi. It was only by sheer luck that a television crew had filmed virtually the whole demonstration, and that the videotape, introduced at the trial as evidence, showed that all seven officers had committed perjury.

Yesterday, the day the case was scheduled to conclude, the government suddenly dropped all charges against Matar. It thus obviated not only an unfavorable verdict, but court censure of the perjured officers.

That the Women in Green organization was forced to defend itself against a false charge, and that its leader was subjected to prolonged harassment and anxiety is unconscionable. But even in the most enlightened countries such abuses are known to occur, and at least in this case justice triumphed.

Far more worrisome is that the seven policemen, including Levi, have not been summarily suspended and indicted for perjury, even after the judge in the case determined that they had lied under oath. Such disregard for a fundamental requirement of democratic rule - that law

enforcers be held responsible for their acts - bodes ill. One cannot escape the suspicion that the whole cruel charade was perpetrated for purely political reasons by a government fearful of popular protest.

Such suspicions are reinforced by the case of Rabbi Yitzhak Ginsburgh, arrested and imprisoned last week for 60 days under an "administrative detention" order, signed by Shimon Peres in his capacity of minister of defense.

Administrative detention, left over from British Mandate days, is a reasonable and legitimate legal instrument in times of riots and terrorism. There is no other way to detain, for any length of time, a large number of suspects involved in acts of violence. Following all normal court procedures in such circumstances would paralyze the legal system and help potential killers.

But it is not the purpose of the regulation to enable the government to throw a prominent and highly respected rabbi in prison on charges of incitement to violence and endangerment of public safety. These are serious charges, which should be presented in court and defended under the usual free society rules, which render all suspects innocent until proved otherwise.

Nor do the reasons the government usually gives for the arbitrary incarceration of "inciters" ever sound convincing. Claims that evidence cannot be presented in an open court for fear of divulging intelligence sources is always suspect. In the case of a public figure like Ginsburgh, who has thousands of adherents and followers, it is downright incomprehensible. If he is an inciter, surely there must be more than enough evidence in his public speeches to indict him. After all, it is precisely his adherents whom he is supposed to be inciting.

It seems far more likely that the government is not really concerned about incitement at all. Ginsburgh, who heads three yeshivas, is the founder and dean of the Od Yosef Hai Yeshiva in Nahbus, an institution the government would like to dismantle. It is a security burden and a politically awkward site in a thickly populated Arab area. The government is obviously hoping that Ginsburgh's arrest will so demoralize the yeshiva students that they will agree to abandon the site.

The government has, of course, a perfect right to consider the yeshiva superfluous. But it has no right to imprison its rabbi for no good reason. It can only be hoped that civil libertarians, most of whom may be fiercely opposed to Ginsburgh's ideas, will be aroused into protesting his arbitrary arrest, and the government will reconsider its move. To protest abuses of civil rights only when leftists and Palestinians are affected is to mock justice. To arbitrarily throw Ginsburgh in jail is to mock democracy.



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The politics of ego

YOSEF GOELL

THE Likud Central Committee, which convenes today, is certain to approve the merger between its list and those of Rafael Eitan's Tsomet and David Levy's Geshet engineered by that indefatigable matchmaker Ariel Sharon for party leader Binyamin Netanyahu.

Last week's media hoopla over the international show at Sharm e-Sheikh served to divert both media and public attention from the real significance of the merger for the future of Israeli politics.

Most of what attention was spared from the anti-terror parley revolved around the handshake between arch-enemies Binyamin Netanyahu and David Levy, and their promise to work together for the victory of the "national camp." Some commentators harped on Levy's "betrayal" of his party's social message, a message that was supposed to address the needs of lower-income voters of North African origin.

Yet the Netanyahu-Levy handshake was no different from last year's decision by political arch-enemies Yitzhak Rabin and Shimon Peres to "work together in the interests of peace." And identifying Levy with a social policy which would truly address the needs of lower income groups is surely the height of political naivete.

Throughout his 35 years in politics Levy has always preferred anything that served to stroke his overinflated ego to any social concerns. The giveaway: his rejection of the offer of the Finance Ministry in the mid-1980s. Had he accepted the offer, he could have made a major impact on social policy from that ministry.

THE REAL importance of the three-way merger lies in its reinforcing of the personalization of Israeli poli-

tics, a process which began with the adoption four years ago of the law for direct popular election of the prime minister, and was enhanced by the introduction of primaries in the major parties for the selection of candidates for the Knesset elections.

The agreement struck between the three parties was determined entirely by the interests of their respective leaders, and not necessarily by those of their parties.

The polls were indicating that Tsomet would win five or six seats in the elections, and Eitan himself a bare two percent in the race for the premiership. In the event of a Netanyahu victory, this could have been parlayed into a minor ministerial post for Eitan.

Under the present agreement, however, he stands a good chance of becoming minister of defense in a Netanyahu government, backed by seven MKs of his personal choosing.

The polls were similarly giving Geshet not more than three or four seats, and two per cent for Levy himself in the direct voting for the premiership. This would have meant, at best, a minor ministry for Levy in either a Netanyahu or a Peres government.

But under the merger agreement, Levy gains first choice of any top

ministry he wants, plus seven seats for a Geshet contingent he is to choose personally.

The ones who will pay for those 14 reserved seats in the joint list will be the disappointed Likud candidates who battle it out in next week's primaries. Their interest was clearly sacrificed for Netanyahu's calculated need to avoid a second round in the prime ministerial elections.

This clear preference for the interests of the party leader over those of his party when they clash was also mirrored in the Labor Party, where the decision to advance the elections from October to May was based entirely on a - possibly misguided - reading of Shimon Peres's lead in the polls.

Under the new rules of the game either Peres or Netanyahu will be elected by a clear 50 per cent-plus majority in either the first or second rounds. But it is just as certain that in the absence of a far-going change in the Knesset election laws, their respective parties will lag far behind, and that even the broader "peace camp" and "national camp" may well fall short of such a majority.

Whoever is elected prime minister may be driven to consider forming a national unity government. But what is more likely is that either Peres or Netanyahu will try to repeat Menachem Begin's 1977 ploy when he named a disgruntled Moshe Dayan of the defeated Labor Party as his foreign minister.

The clear divergence between the interests of the party's prime minister and its Knesset faction, coupled with the long-term decline in party loyalty, may well lead to a significant display of unpredictable behavior come voting time.

The writer comments on public affairs.

The flaunting of personal ambition in the three-way merger could cause it to backfire

Our boys

SHAYNA SCHECHTER

WATCHING last Wednesday's extravaganza in Sharm e-Sheikh, my thoughts returned to some very different images I had seen the day before.

In my job as a videotape editor, it had been my task to edit the "on-line" or final version of a 10-minute documentary on our missing soldiers.

The program featured a review of the Ron Arad capture, interviews with the parents of Zacharia Baumel, Zvi Feldman, Yehuda Katz and Yosef Fink, plus comments on the situation by former Prisoner of Zion Natan Sharansky and a member of the Israeli intelligence community.

To see the years of agony etched in every line on those parents' faces was itself agony. Yet the knowledge that it had been necessary for them to develop their own intelligence networks and fly around the world themselves searching for answers in the cause of finding their missing children was even more unbearable.

A dreadful series of mistakes, delays, lost opportunities, and lack of plain resolve on the part of various governments has led to the virtual abandonment of these soldiers who wore their IDF uniform with pride.

The facts today are clear, according to the vast amount of information gathered by the families: Some of those boys are still alive, held by people who probably believe that what they are doing is right in furthering their particular cause.

It's the same kind of motivation, I guess, that compels someone to blow himself up on a crowded street corner or bus, taking dozens of ordinary men and women and children along with him.

And certainly, given the fact that after 20 solid years of blood-curdling international terrorism, the PLO is now in the process of achieving its goals, the motivation might be that if you do what they did and then "repent", you'll get what you want, too.

SO I looked at all those peacemakers sitting around that table...

How many of the peacemakers at Sharm could get Israel's MIAs back?

ly-built table and wondered how many of them could get our boys (men now, after nearly 14 years in captivity) returned home.

It's a chance for the bad guys holding them to turn into good guys, and a chance for those 29 peacemakers to prove they can put their money where their mouths are.

They are in a position to make deals, put pressure, and negotiate for the return of our people. And it would seem only logical that in an era of peace and openness some head of state out there could make the right contacts and get results. But logic seems far removed from the Middle East, and it is particularly foreign to the peace process.

Giving tangibles in return for promises doesn't cut it in too many other places, but it's the norm here. The release of prisoners held in Israeli jails, something Arafat demands at every negotiation and mass rally, is an excellent example. They are - or were - a great bargaining chip.

We've released so many thousands of Arabs who, but for their bad aim, would be murderers. Isn't it time our giving government finally demanded something tangible in return for all that giving? Isn't it time all of us demanded that our peacemaking prime minister give those tormented families some peace at last?

Anyone who had seen their tortured faces and heard them describe their daily nightmares wouldn't have been able to sit and watch the "event" in Sharm without wanting to jump up and demand some "confidence-building" measures on the PLO side for a change.

Anyone who heard stories of these families' journeys throughout the Arab world would know what our government already knows, but apparently doesn't act upon.

The PLO was one of the many organizations holding some of our soldiers. Arafat had Zacharia Baumel's dogtag, and he and his friends know a lot more than they're telling.

So before the closure is lifted, before the talks and the one-sided giving continues, how about it, Shimon? Ask your friend Yasser a favor, and bring the boys home.

The author is a freelance writer who made aliyah from the US six years ago.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

RIGHT-WING PROPAGANDA

Sir, - How appropriate of you to place Messrs. Uri Dan's and Dennis Eisenberg's article squarely below the cartoon by Oleg (March 7). This way it becomes easier for your readers to clearly identify their gross similarities - cheap, right-wing propaganda presented in a boorish style.

Messrs. Dan and Eisenberg, no doubt because they once wrote a book about the Mossad, again pretend to possess "intelligence" - both in terms of their information sources and their aptitude. And again their pretensions are boringly sophomoric.

Only a few weeks ago, they whinnily accused the Left of politically exploiting Yitzhak Rabin's assassination by "dancing on [his] blood." So to what stop do they sway now when they declare, "the foundations of the entire Labor movement are being shaken by the wave of Hamas terror?"

We cannot really blame them, can we, when - due, no doubt, to unfortunate timing - their page-six fantasy is totally refuted by facts reported in the same day's front-page reports. They contemptuously dismiss Prime Minister Peres's anti-terror strategy as "cosmetic" just as your lead paragraph in your lead story states "the General Security Service and the police have cracked the Hamas

BASELESS HYSTERIA

Sir, - I can't recall reading in any paper in a long time such a set of historic untruths as that contained in the gung-ho kill-'em-all article of March 5 by Jonathan Blass. This rabbi calls for shootings, bombings and mass expulsions as if he didn't know it had all been tried before by the Israeli security forces (abetted by vigilante Jewish murderers).

The ignorance reflected in the article of the writer's wish to distort current events is exemplified in "soldiers should be permitted to shoot rock-throwers," as if that was the problem, as if hundreds of Palestinians boys and teenagers had not been shot for throwing rocks at soldiers.

After calling for the fiercest collective punishment possible against the Palestinians, the pious rabbi goes on to talk of years of unswerving intifada and terror, ignoring the many thousands of Palestinians killed and wounded during the intifada (the vast majority of whom were unarmed) - 10 times as many as Jews who died. Each death is tragic, and even if the bloodthirsty Blass doesn't think so, he should at least know what has happened here before taking up three columns of your op-ed page with baseless hysteria.

PAUL KORDA Mevaseret Zion.

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unable to change course and take the decisive action which the country demands and is entitled to. When will he realize that the peace process is an abject failure and our so-called "peace partner," Arafat, is making a mockery of keeping his commitments? When will he realize that the aim of Hamas is to kill Jews and nothing else? When will he realize that weakness, vacillation, indecision and failure to take decisive action is the surest road to surrender and defeat?

How many more of our citizens have to be killed and injured before Peres takes the only honorable course and resigns?

Netanya.

BILL OAKFIELD

CHARITY SUCCESS

Sir, - Last December, you published an article by Ori Golan on our non-profit animal charity Haver al arba ("A four-legged friend"). I would like to tell you what a big response we got from the public because of the article. Many people wrote to offer help, and some included checks to help us care for the animals.

Not only that, one of the readers, Mrs. Myrna Herzog, who plays in the Jerusalem Consort, decided to arrange a concert in Gan Ha'ir in Tel Aviv with all the proceeds going to Haver al arba.

Moshav Kidron. MICKY SAMO

Killing time kills people

JOHN V. WHITBECK

Many Israelis and Palestinians view the Oslo "peace process" with despair because they do not believe that any mutually acceptable compromises on the thorny "permanent-status" issues can ever be found.

Those who have recently sought, through political assassination and human bombs, to drown the "peace process" in blood presumably view the situation otherwise. They fear that such compromises may be imminent, and consider this prospect intolerable.

Both Israeli and Palestinian societies harbor a significant number of persons who believe that God gave either "the Land of Israel" or "the Land of Palestine" exclusively to their people, and that the other people present have no right whatsoever to be there.

For such true believers, the compromises essential to the peace sought by the great majority of their compatriots are not simply politically unacceptable. They are an offense against God, quite literally a fate worse than death.

The closer Israeli-Palestinian peace is perceived to be, the more likely such true believers are to lash out to prevent it, keeping their respective visions of absolute truth and absolute justice alive.

Such people, on both sides, are beyond the reach of reason but will not go away. All who truly care about peace must accept, both intellectually and emotionally, that further Palestinian suicide bombers, further Baruch Goldsteins and perhaps further Yigal Amirs are inevitable. They are the painful, unavoidable "acts of God" in a land too often promised by God.

THE BEST way to limit the human toll of peace is not to continue dragging out an excruciatingly slow "peace process" or to freeze or seek to reverse the current course. The best way to shorten the period of maximum danger is by greatly accelerating the actual achievement of peace.

True peace talks, finally address-

ing the permanent-status issues (most notably Jerusalem, settlers and borders) on which any peace depends, are not even due to begin until this May. Pursuant to the various accords, the deadline for achieving and implementing a true peace agreement is May 1999.

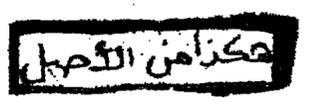
It should now be clearer than ever that a further three years are not only not needed to reach such an

agreement, but are highly unlikely to be available. Delay is not the friend of peace, and may well be its worst enemy.

The perceived political imperatives of the current Israeli election campaign are likely to cause the governing coalition to violate accords already signed, aggravate Palestinian grievances and diminish the chances of ever achieving peace.

However, the Palestinian leadership, liberated to act wisely by its recent electoral success, could still give peace a profound positive push forward by abandoning the time-worn negotiating tactic of revealing what is really acceptable only at the last possible moment, and by promptly inviting Israel to choose between various solutions, all potentially acceptable to the Palestinians, to the principal permanent-status issues.

It could publicly proclaim its willingness to accept one of two approaches to Jerusalem: either sharing the entire city under the joint undivided sovereignty of Israel and Palestine (the "condominium solution"), or dividing it along lines to be negotiated. Israel would decide whether it prefers to share a united Jerusalem, or redivide the city.



# Senior Philharmonic exec sings a worried song

**F**OR the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra, the good news is that the bad news could be worse. On the eve of its 60th season, the IPO is again cutting back its subscription series, and it is still heavily dependent on guest artists who accept lower than their normal fees or waive them altogether.

"Of course I'm worried," says IPO general secretary Avi Shoshani about the dwindling audience appeal of the organization with which he has worked for 23 years. "But to be really honest, I'm not sure there is anything we can do. Compared to [orchestras in] the US, we are in good shape, but that's no comfort at all. My gut feeling about the situation is not good."

Two weeks before the IPO was to officially launch its subscription campaign for the 1996/97 season, Shoshani was finalizing the last details. But he was

thinking further into the future. "I'm working today on the 1997/98 and the 1998/99 seasons and even beyond that. I already have dates for the year 2000 with pianist Radu Lupu for example," says the 48-year-old executive in his tidy, spacious office at the Mann Auditorium.

With the number of friends the IPO and its music director Zubin Mehta - who is also turning 60 next season - have around the world, one might think that a few phone calls are all that's needed to come up with a great season. It's not that easy, says Shoshani.

"We have budgetary constraints and we must be very careful with them. The bottom line is that several musicians, not many, are not willing to come here because we are not willing to pay their full fees," he notes, declining to name names.

Shoshani is not willing to go over

budget for any musician. "We are one of the few artistic institutions that finished the 1995 fiscal year without a deficit. My job is to try and get the best available artists within our budgets."

"Most of the Israelis who play with us don't charge any fee and this is true for some guests, too, and not only the Jewish ones. It is the way in which they show their friendship and identification with the orchestra and with Israel."

INDEED the coming IPO season features familiar names like violinists Gil Shaham, Shlomo Mintz and Itzhak Perlman and pianists Yefim Bronfman, Maria Joao Pires and Murray Perahia. Among the instrumentalists the only new face will be that of Finnish pianist

Olli Mustonen.

"There are no interesting and important musicians who do not come and play with us," Shoshani insists. "The major problem is conductors.... Today's music directors do very little guest conducting."

There will be a few new conductors on hand next season, including Wolfgang Sawallisch and Sylvain Cambieng, but the IPO podium will be graced mainly by such familiar faces as Jun'ichi Hirokami, Giuseppe Sinopoli, Kurt Masur, Pinchas Steinberg and Rafael Fruhbeck de Burgos.

After selecting the artists comes the more detailed work of repertoire selection.

"Our first aim is quality," he says.

"But taking the audience into consideration is not a dirty word. After all, 60-70 percent of our budget comes from the audience."

Shoshani admits that the orchestra would have probably refused any violinist wishing to play the Barber violin concerto because it is not known here. "But [Itzhak] Perlman wanted to play it here this week and with him there is no risk whatsoever."

The IPO records very little these days. "We could record as much as we wanted if we would finance the recordings," says Shoshani. "But otherwise we have no recording contracts at the moment. Only the Berlin Philharmonic and the Los Angeles Philharmonic record endlessly these days, but they heavily subsidize their own recordings."

In contrast to the average American orchestra the IPO performs very few "pop classics" concerts. "We did a few

attempts but we are debating within ourselves whether it is necessary or not and we have yet to reach a final decision."

Then there is the operatic side of the orchestra. In the coming season the IPO will present a whopping four operas in concert. Mehta will end the season with Puccini's *Turandot* and before that we will hear Sinopoli conducting *La Boheme*. Steinberg leading *Norma* and Ivan Fischer conducting Bartok's *Duke Bluebird's Castle*.

Clearly, it would be much cheaper to present symphonic programs. "But our audiences want each and every concert to be a celebration. We know that our extra work and the extra budget are justified. We try to make sure that each subscriber will get two operas and one vocal concert within the 11-concert season. The audience really wants it."

## How does it sound with the lights on?

NEW RELEASES  
TIRZAH AGASSI

**B**RUCE Springsteen, who scored a major comeback with the title song to the film *Philadelphia*, is up for an Oscar again, but if he wins it'll be on the strength of the movie *Dead Man Walking*, rather than his acoustic, narrative theme song. For though he tells the same tale of the relationship between a nun and a condemned prisoner, his version lacks redemptive punch.

Music that supports a film beautifully often doesn't make much impact on its own. Here, the eerie collaboration between Pearl Jam front man

Eddie Vedder and Pakistani vocalist and harmonium player Nusrat Fateh Ali Khan side-stepped clichés, adding significant depth to the screen images. But taken straight up, like the rest of the album, is more bleak than inspiring.

Top artists Johnny Cash, Lyle Lovett, Suzanne Vega and Tom Waits all contribute commendable pieces based on the film's content and message.

Nonetheless, the soundtrack album *Dead Man Walking* (NMC) plays second fiddle to the main event.

The opposite is true of the sound track to *Casino* (Hed Arzi). Its producer, former Band-leader Robbie Robertson, obviously had a ball picking his favorites from the oldies but goodies back catalog. The result is a fun double album that stands on its own. The crazy mix includes everything



The sound track for 'Dead Man Walking,' starring Sean Penn as a death-row prisoner, has much less impact as an album.

from Muddy Waters' "Hoochie Cootchie Man" to the Moody Blues' "Nights in White Satin" and Dean Martin's "You're Nobody 'Til Somebody Loves You."

Along the way we get so many pearls like Lee Dorsey's "Working in the Coalmine" and Eric Burden's "House of the Rising Sun" that it is easy to forgive Louis Prima's pizzeria-friendly "Angelina Zoom Zoom Medley." Though it does contain some misses, the *Casino* sound-

track is an investment rather than a gamble.

Greek composer Vangelis won his Oscar for the theme to *Chariots of Fire* back in 1982. Today his 1992 sound track to *1492 - Conquest of Paradise* is still on the charts.

Both of these rousing tunes plus his hit collaborations with Yes' Jon Anderson are now out on *Vangelis Portraits* (Helicon). The wondrously pleasant, uplifting retrospective may be too sweet and vapid for some, but nonetheless it

will doubtlessly sell millions. Awards are all very nice, but most artists still prefer selling those millions. Thus young soul/R&B artist D'Angelo is probably crying all the way to the bank over having failed to win a Grammy this year for *Brown Sugar* (NMC).

Though critics are pushing it by suggesting that he's already in a class with Marvin Gaye, Stevie Wonder, Al Green and Prince, the groove-driven album is a pleasure to listen to.

The potential heir to the throne of soul music is a son of a Pentecostal minister who got his first big break in traditional style with three consecutive wins at Harlem's Apollo Theater's Amateur Night.

D'Angelo's thoughtful lyrics, silky falsetto and jazzy textures may not be quite as innovative as his renowned soul forebears, but he's only 21 and there could plenty more coming, including the R&B Grammys he didn't bag this year.

## 21st Century series: In diversity there is strength

**T**HE second in the "Meet the 21st Century" series opened with *Concordanza* by the Russian-Tartar composer Sophia Gubaidulina. The piece represents remarkable continuity and unity despite the diversity of melody, harmony, rhythm, choice of instruments and character of music.

Gyorgy Kurtag's series of miniatures, including *The Little Fix*, brought together the seemingly incompatible piccolo, trombone and guitar. Though one must admire Kurtag's perseverance in writing concise miniatures (which often last only a few seconds), these short statements do not always carry a meaningful message.

The great Italian Luigi Dallapiccola (1904-1975) was represented by *Commiato* for soprano and chamber ensemble. Dallapiccola is usually noted for having synthesized the 12-tone technique with Italian lyricism, but what really counts is Dallapiccola's message. His music is an unending cry against oppression and injustice.

Completely different in style was Arik Shapira's *The Spiritual Man is Mad*. On a cloud of many short sounds produced by two guitars, Shapira superimposes a majestic, fanfare-like motif sung by the soprano and played by wind instruments, which is repeated in variations. Listening to this music one could easily imagine hearing an ancient Greek orator, a biblical prophet or a Martin Luther King. Solo soprano Lily Tureb was powerful in these two last works.

Finally we were transferred, in Gitya Kanchelli's *Magnum Ignatum* for chamber ensemble and magnetic tape, into the realm of religious spirituality. Kanchelli is now rightly regarded as one of the greatest symphonic composers of our time. In *Magnum Ignatum*, the instrumental textures blend with a prerecorded tape of prayer chants, a folk song and a solemn Russian Orthodox hymn.

Tel Aviv Museum, March 11.  
Benjamin Bar-Am

sands of Jews in the Holocaust - was premiered by the Kibbutz Chamber Orchestra, conducted by Doron Salomon.

The lowest, barely-audible sounds of the opening shakuhachi solo - played by Yoshio Kurahashi from Kyoto - erupting into explosive energies, contrasted with the interfering highest notes of the strings. The oriental-percussion set, struck sensitively by Micha Baram, contributed asymmetric rhythmic patterns. Kurahashi alternated subtle and forceful playing, all the while displaying a masterful command of this fascinating instrument.

Chopin's Piano Concerto No. 1 was played by Ohad Ben-Ari with polished technique. He demonstrated more youthful freshness and vigor than gracefulness and elegance, and his touch was occasionally too hard and aggressive.

Delightful elasticity, sensitivity to the typically Mendelssohnian heart-rending melodic turns, genuine sparkle - particularly in the scherzo - and a full and homogeneous sound were displayed in an orchestral version of Mendelssohn's Oret.

Ein Hahoresch Culture Hall, March 12.  
Ury Eppstein

RARELY heard gems from the Middle Ages, presented by The Gothic Voices (tenors Steven Harold, Julian Podger, Leigh Nixon, directed by Christopher Page), in the Authentica series, opened musical windows so old they seemed new.

Music from that time had none of the conventional codes, such as major, minor or chromatic tonalities that convey emotions. Nevertheless, in this performance human feelings - such as grief (*Pange melos lacrimosum*), love (*L'amours dont sui espris*), the dance urge (*A deserto veniens*), and naughtiness (*Je chevachai l'autrier*) - became unmistakably clear.

The purity and clarity of the singers' voices, the perfection of their intonation and interaction, their discreet yet distinct expression of obvious or concealed meanings, and their attention to minute details, brought fascinat-

### CONCERT ROUNDUP

ingly to life what could otherwise easily have remained a dry, academic exercise.

Jerusalem Theater, March 14.  
Ury Eppstein

THE *Beautiful City Rhapsody* by the recently deceased Shlomo Yoffe was the Israeli contribution to the Jerusalem Symphony Orchestra's Subscription Concert No. 7, conducted by Hungarian-born Janos Furst. It is a loosely-knit, eventful piece in which abundant, instrumentally colorful, rhythmic and melodic ideas chase each other in a way sometimes reminiscent of the so-called Mediterranean style and of klezmer motifs.

Gershon Dembinsky, the soloist in Mozart's Clarinet Concerto, dis-

played an easy, natural, delightful flow, letting the music have its own say without aspiring to ostentatious originality of interpretation. Initial elegance led to a lyrically-inspired, songful slow movement, performed with loving care, and a playful, light-winged rondo.

Furst adopted a brisk tempo for a lighthearted, basically conventional rendition of Beethoven's Pastoral Symphony. In the peasant dance and the storm the mostly bright mood became more stormy, leaving no doubt as to Beethoven's intentions.

Jerusalem Theater, March 13.  
Ury Eppstein

A prize-winning young Tel Aviv-born cellist named Gabi Lipkind stepped in at short notice for the indisposed French pianist Brigitte Engerer at the Beersheba

Sinfonietta Classica No. 7 series. He turned in a stellar performance of Saint-Saens's Cello Concerto in A minor. Only 18 years old and awaiting military service, Lipkind already possesses a unique personal sound, virtuosic bearing, and a full-fledged interpretive sense.

This sinfonietta played Mozart's "Haffner" Symphony vibrantly under maestro Mendi Rodan's masterful direction. This was also a stand-in for the scheduled Kurt Weill: Symphony No. 2.

Schubert's "Death and the Maiden" quartet touched up for string orchestra by Gustav Mahler is a kind of symphony. In relation to the original chamber-music version, it gains in sonority what it loses in subtlety.

Beersheba Conservatory, March 16.  
Max Stern

## Feather or not, he's a dream lover

THEATER REVIEW  
NAOMI DOUDAI

### THE SWAN

By Elizabeth Eglaf, Hebrew, Orly Kasez-Blum, Direction, Sinai Pezer, Set, Melahit Josephov, Costumes, Gita Lahav, Music and sound design, Shosh Reizman, Movement, Ruth Kazar, Lighting, Yehiel Orgal, Hebrew title, *Hobortur*, At the Theater Club, Haifa Municipal Theater.

The Swan - Moshe Ben Best  
Kevin - Yoav Hyatt  
Dora - Michal Matityahu

**W**HEN it comes to serious, quality theater our smaller, unpretentious stages regularly put the big theaters with all their costly, glitzy trappings in the shade.

One such production is Hasima's *The Island* by Athol Fugard played by Hanan Rosen and Doron Shemesh (direction, Shirley Aberjil). In this intense prison-cell confrontation, two young actors and an unknown director have a chance to realize untapped and riveting dramatic power, a boon rarely granted in bigger theaters.

Another outstanding achievement offered in the intimate confines of a studio stage is *The Swan*. The creation of an up-and-coming young American playwright, sensitive direction mounts the poetry, psychic insights, and lyrical fantasy of the work in a subtle collage of the surreal and realistic.

Dora, the romantic, discontented wife of dull, dependable, uninspiring Kevin, has a dream: a wounded swan has crashed through the glass roof of her attic home. Slowly emerging from the feathers is a naked creature, half bird, half man. In her fantasy, it metamorphoses into the dream lover who will ravish her and realize her suppressed sexual yearnings.

The study of a woman's erotic self-discovery and sexual awakening is treated with delicacy and finesse in a daringly dramatized, modern version of the Greek myth.

Rich in fantasy, whimsy, socio-psychic suggestion, and spiritual mystique this sophisticated presentation is further heightened by cunningly contemporary musical effects, a spare but suggestive set, and the impassioned lyricism of the performers.

Moshe Ben Best's Swan-man, an intricately choreographed creation, is ravishing in every sense. The "ravished" heroine Dora is played by Michal Matityahu with vividly evoked emotion in contrast to the cool, carefully placed realism of Yoav Hyatt's Kevin. For an evening of significant theater, this show is unreservedly recommended.

## 'Echoes' resonates

DANCE REVIEW  
DORA SOWDEN

**D**OMY Reiter-Soffer's latest work for the Bat-Dor dance company, presented at the Noga Theater in Jaffa (March 14), was a stunning comment on our times. Nothing could have been so tragically apt yet eventually so strongly bracing as this flow of images. *Hedim* ("Echoes") summed up a lifetime of searing reflections.

Reiter-Soffer is renowned as a choreographer, painter and musician, and this work was no surprise. He has helpers of course: composers Beni Nagari, Amos Elkana and, most conspicuously, percussionist Chen Zimbalista, who overdid the clash and smash from time to time, as though trying to break the sound barrier.

There was one scene where the dancers threw red lumps at a screened figure. Yet the ending was heroic and triumphant. The basic message was: We will overcome. But what made this performance special was the way the dancers brought it to life.

The program of premieres began with Gigi Casacianu's *Lunaris*. Under a crescent moon, a tall, sleepwalking figure in white slowly advanced while other char-

acters danced with the energy that marks this choreographer's inventiveness.

Whether celebrating Jerusalem 3000 or its own 30th anniversary, *Hora-Jerusalem* gave the Sherover Theater a special air of gala (March 12). Dancers in crinolines and tights circled in the foyer and others posed in studies from their dances.

The real business of the evening was the series of healthy happenings - old and new - on the stage. These reflected the many strange things that have spun the web of Israeli folk dance.

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TOWER RECORDS' TOP 15					
THIS WEEK		LAST WEEKS ON CHARTS		ARTIST	TITLE
#1	1	11	VARIOUS ARTISTS	RABIN - GOODBYE FRIEND	
#2	4	19	MADONNA	SOMETHING TO REMEMBER	
#3	NEW	1	DREAMLAND	BEST OF DREAM MUSIC	
#4	2	6	NICK CAVE	MURDER BALLADS	
#5	3	10	OASIS	MORNING GLORY	
#6	13	11	RTA	GRAND LOVE	
#7	8	4	VARIOUS ARTISTS	WALKING IN A DREAM	
#8	10	5	ABBA	GOLD	
#9	12	5	STING	BEST OF	
#10	NEW	1	DANNY LITANI	DANNY LITANI	
#11	9	13	SADE	BEST OF	
#12	5	15	FLM SOUND TRACK	PRISCILLA	
#13	16	5	VARIOUS ARTISTS	300% PURE DANCE	
#14	7	6	SIVAN SHAVIT	THIS BLUE-GRAY LIGHT	
#15	6	25	ARKADI DUCHIN	ARKADI DUCHIN	

Tower Records' top-selling albums for the previous week. RE - re-entry

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ISRAELI composer Meir Mindel's *Sugihara* for shakuhachi (Japanese vertical bamboo flute) and orchestra - a tribute to the memory of Chime Sugihara, who saved thou-

# BUSINESS & FINANCE

Tuesday, March 19, 1996

## Shohat to act on Procaccia Report

THE government and Bank of Israel will have to quickly react to the findings of the Procaccia Report, Finance Minister Avraham Shohat said yesterday in reaction to its publication.

The Treasury, banks and heads of the country's two kibbutz movements fear the six-volume report, which alleges that the banks overcharged the kibbutzim for loans, will hinder Wednesday evening's signing of the initial supplementary arrangement for kibbutz debt.

At a Settlement Headquarters meeting yesterday, kibbutz members called on the kibbutz movement heads not to sign the debt deal until a system is established for examining the debts, in line with Procaccia's recommendations.

According to the report, if the kibbutzim's debts are checked over a sufficiently long period, mistakes will be discovered which will reduce the debt and even lead to the banks owing the kibbutzim money.

Shohat said he will give the government his recommendations on the Procaccia Report only after it is checked by all the relevant bodies.

"I will refer it to the government only after the report has been examined by the Bank of Israel, which is in charge of the banking sector, the relevant departments at the Treasury and the banks," Shohat said. "Only after I learn the report, the allegations made and the legal and professional reactions to it, will I give my proposals on how to react. There is no doubt that this report demands a reaction."

The banks said there is no basis to the Procaccia Report's accusations, adding that it does not include any revelations that have not yet been discussed in court.

Prof. Yitzhak Swari, who was commissioned by Bank Leumi to examine the kibbutzim debts to the banks, is expected to publish his findings soon. Bank sources

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Said Swari's report supports their claims.

Agriculture Minister Ya'acov Tsuri issued a statement demanding the supplementary arrangement, especially for kibbutzim situated in border areas, which are in a threat of insolvency.

He emphasized the urgency in signing the supplementary arrangement, especially for kibbutzim situated in border areas, which are in a threat of insolvency.

He said each kibbutz can decide whether to join the arrangement or check its bank statements after the initial agreement is signed.

The heads of the United Kibbutz Movement and Hakibbutz Ha'artzi have already decided to sign the initial arrangement, despite the findings of the Procaccia Report. At this stage, however, it is unclear whether they will be able to go ahead with their plans.

The United Kibbutz Movement's signing may be hindered by Kibbutz Ma'ayan Zvi's request to Tel Aviv District Court on Sunday to issue a restraining order against the signing.

Hakibbutz Ha'artzi may be prevented from signing the agreement due to the decision of Hakibbutz Ha'artzi's board to discuss the issue tomorrow morning.

In the meantime, supporters of the Settlement Headquarters, which commissioned the Procaccia Report and has long contended that banks have overcharged illegal fees to the kibbutzim, are putting pressure on the heads to reconsider their plans.

Most of the opponents to the signing are debt-ridden kibbutzim which own land whose real estate value has not been determined.

According to the initial debt arrangement, the banks, Treasury and kibbutzim will have 45 days after the signing ceremony to have it approved by the relevant bodies.

At the end of the 45 days, banks and kibbutzim will sign a final agreement, after which the kibbutzim will have 10 months to examine their debts and decide whether to join the arrangement.

### ISRAELI MONEY MARKETS

Patrah (foreign currency deposit rates) (18.3.96)

Currency (deposit for)	3 MONTHS	6 MONTHS	12 MONTHS
U.S. dollar (\$250,000)	4.500	4.500	4.500
U.S. dollar (\$100,000)	4.250	4.250	4.250
German mark (DM 200,000)	1.875	1.750	2.125
Swiss franc (SF 200,000)	0.375	0.375	0.625
Yen (10 million yen)			

(Rates vary higher or lower than indicated according to deposit)

Shekel Foreign Exchange Rates\* (18.3.96)

CHECKS AND TRANSFERS	Buy	Sell	BANKNOTES	Buy	Sell
Currency basket	3.4856	3.5194	—	—	—
U.S. dollar	3.0673	3.1188	—	—	—
German mark	2.0534	2.1171	—	—	—
French franc	0.2087	0.2180	—	—	—
Japanese yen (100)	2.5843	2.6451	—	—	—
Dutch guilder	1.8116	1.8717	—	—	—
Swiss franc	2.5832	2.6289	—	—	—
Spanish peseta (100)	0.4528	0.4632	—	—	—
Norwegian krona	0.4782	0.4890	—	—	—
Denmark krone	0.5391	0.5478	—	—	—
Finland mark	0.0650	0.0759	—	—	—
Canadian dollar	2.2517	2.2881	—	—	—
Australian dollar	2.3709	2.4022	—	—	—
S. African rand	0.7910	0.7936	—	—	—
Singapore dollar (S\$)	1.9184	1.9298	—	—	—
Israeli sheqel (10)	2.9620	3.0098	—	—	—
Italian lira (1000)	1.9516	1.9932	—	—	—
Jordanian dinar	—	—	—	—	—
Egyptian pound (EGP)	—	—	—	—	—
Irish punt	3.8579	3.9202	—	—	—
Spanish peseta (100)	4.5388	4.6157	—	—	—
—	2.4689	2.5085	—	—	—

\* These rates vary according to bank. \*\* Bank of Israel.

SOURCE: BANK LEUMI

## Barron Chase Securities plans to open regional office here

BARRON Chase Securities plans to open a branch here as a basis for its activities in the Middle East, the company announced yesterday.

Barron Chase, which operates 20 offices in the US - including New York, New Jersey, Florida, Atlanta, Colorado, Chicago and Boston - specializes in offering profitable medium-sized companies on US stock exchanges, as well as bridge financing, private issues, and mergers.

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The Israeli branch will be equally owned by Barron Chase and a group of businessmen headed by adviser and businessman Ronny Kol.

"Barron Chase has come to the conclusion that the future potential of Israel and the Middle East, in light of the continued peace process - which is expected to lead to rapid economic development - justifies significant local activity," Barron Chase said.

Barron Chase president Robert Kirk said the decision to open a branch follows his visit here in February and a thorough examination of alternative locations to open an office in the region.

"I have no doubt that we will be able to continue to issue Israeli and Arab companies in the US not only in the high tech area but also industrial and commercial areas that are in need of resources that an American company can give."

**BUSINESS BRIEFS**

Economy grows 7% in '95: Figures released yesterday by the Central Bureau of Statistics confirmed previous estimates that the economy grew last year by seven percent, while the business product expanded by 9% and average consumption rose by 5%. Cumulatively, the economy has grown by 42% since the beginning of the decade.

10 industrialists receive award: The Manufacturers Association has awarded 10 veteran industrialists with the industry award for their contribution to the local industrial sector.

The certificates will be officially awarded at the end of the month to the following companies: Ma'abarot Food Products, Hameichal Steamboiler Factory, Efrat Wine Cellar, Laor Batteries, Levinstein and Sons, Hatehof Tankers and Refuelers, Arad, Segev, Krausz, and Karshin.

Africa-Israel Hotels, holders of the Holiday Inn franchise in Israel, yesterday formally opened the Holiday Inn Eilat Patio and marked the upgrading of the Eilat Holiday Inn to the deluxe Holiday Inn Crowne Plaza class.

Scant hope of China joining World Trade Organization soon: Senior trade ambassadors said they saw little prospect for major movement in China's bid to join the World Trade Organization during talks in Geneva over the next two weeks. And Beijing itself signalled it had scant hope of any breakthrough, sending a team headed by its senior WTO negotiator rather than the deputy trade minister who has taken charge at key stages in the long-running talks.

### Israel electric חברת החשמל

**TENDERS**

The Israel Electric Corporation (hereafter "the Corporation") invites bids for the following projects:

**1. TENDER NO. 1084/96**

Rutenberg B Power Station in Ashkelon (2 units of 550 MW each) - Foundations and Lower Structure

The project includes approx. 1,000 vertical supports, diameter 60-150 cm, total length 27,000 m; carrying elements (60 and 80 cm thick), in an overall area of approx. 2,600 m<sup>2</sup>; turbogenerator foundations made of reinforced concrete (capacity of 4,000 cubic m); various foundations; cables carriers; electricity chambers made of reinforced concrete (overall capacity of approx. 20,000 cubic m); Two exit ducts (north and south), length 800 m approx., made of reinforced concrete (capacity 5,000 cubic m approx.); Construction of a control room for electronic precipitation and of the power station's control building; Laying a pipeline for cooling fluid, diameter 96" length, approx. 2,000 m; The project is connected to the lowering of the level of ground water.

Duration of contract: 30 months.

**2. TENDER NO. 1085/96**

Rutenberg B Power Station in Ashkelon (2 units of 550 MW each) - Pumping Building and Entry Duct

The project includes the construction of two underground structures:

- A pumping building made of reinforced concrete, capacity 10,500 cubic m approx., depth 8 m approx.
- An entry duct made of reinforced concrete, capacity 17,500 cubic m, overall length 600 m.

The project is connected to the lowering of the level of ground water and the installation of vent pipes in an area of 10,000 sq m.

Duration of contract: 24 months.

**Preliminary conditions pertaining to both tenders:**

To be eligible to bid for these tenders, interested parties must have all of the following:

- Proof that they are listed in the registry of contractors according to the Registration of Civil Engineering Contractors Law 1969 (hereafter "the law"), class 100 Gimmel-5, to be presented when purchasing the tender documents, OR an appropriate exemption from the Minister of Housing, according to Paragraph 14 Aleph of the above-mentioned law.
- All the necessary documentation as required by the Public Bodies Contracts Law (Bookkeeping and Tax Payment) 1976 (to be presented when purchasing the tender documents).
- Proven and documented experience and ability in constructing power stations run by coal or heavy oil.
- The appropriate financial basis for carrying out the projects, and compliance with all the existing obligations according to the preconditions of the contract. Bidders must prove, inter alia, personal assets of at least NIS 10 million, by way of audited financial accounts from December 31, 1995.
- A stamped bank guarantee linked to the consumer index for the sum of 5% of the total bid (not including VAT) as stated in the tender documents. The guarantee must be valid for 120 days after the last date for submitting bids.
- Bidders must take part in a site visit of the project (date to be announced).

**Submitting bids:**

- Bids must be submitted using the tender documents according to the conditions and instructions stated therein.
- The tender documents and further information may be obtained from the offices of the Department of Tenders in the Construction Division, 16 Hahashmal St., Tel Aviv (11th floor), Tel. 03-5678691/728, on Sunday - Thursday, 7:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m., until April 2, 1996.
- The cost of the documents for each tender is NIS 2,925, inc. VAT. (This sum is non-returnable).
- Bids must be placed in the tenders box at the Department of Tenders in the Construction Division, 16 Hahashmal St., Tel Aviv (11th floor), on Wednesday, May 29, 1996, until 1 p.m.

**Note:**

- All workers involved in the project must have appropriate security clearance which will be approved by the Corporation.
- The Corporation will not award both tenders to the same bidder. No one bidder will be considered the most appropriate regarding both tenders, even if both bids, whether submitted individually or in partnership, are the lowest.
- The Corporation reserves the right to enter into negotiations with parties whose bids are deemed appropriate.
- The Corporation does not undertake to accept the lowest or any other bid.

Please note: In case of a discrepancy between the Hebrew and the English texts, the Hebrew version will be binding.

מחלקת הנדסה וקנייה

### Fertilizers and Chemical Compounds suffers NIS 234m. in net losses

**COMPANY RESULTS**  
RACHEL NEIMAN

FERTILIZERS and Chemical Compounds suffered net losses of NIS 234.2 million last year, compared with net losses of NIS 3.4m. in 1994.

Revenues rose to NIS 380.88m. from NIS 351m.

Last May the company announced its reorganization, following continued losses and the purchase of controlling interest (24.9 percent) in parent company Israeli Chemicals to Israel Corporation of the Eisenberg group.

Fertilizers and Chemicals is an 89% subsidiary of Israel Chemicals.

Ongoing losses were blamed on increased market exposure to imports and investment in equipment upgrades.

Fertilizers and Chemicals supplies 20% of the local market, with 60% of revenues stemming from these sales.

Bayside Land Corporation posted a 57.4% increase in net profits to NIS 42.5 million from NIS 27m. in 1994.

Annual revenues fell to NIS 146.18m. from NIS 162.17m., while earnings per share went up to NIS 22.11m. from NIS 14m.

The drop in revenues was attributed to decreased income on apartment sales, which dropped to NIS 73.86m. from NIS 94.33m. Revenues on property rentals went up to NIS 58.24m. from NIS 54.5m.

Jaf Ora posted an increase in annual net profits to NIS 15.7m. from NIS 15.18m.

Annual revenues went up to NIS 364.16m. from NIS 287.34m.,

while earnings per share rose to NIS 0.60 from NIS 0.52.

The company, owned by Israel Corp. subsidiaries Israel Cold Storage and Shipping and Supply (58%) and by Clal Industries (22%), itself owns 74% of beverage manufacturer Jaf-Ora Taborti.

During the reported period, Jaf-Ora Taborti and Kibbutz Ein Gedi established two jointly held companies: Ein Gedi Mineral Water and Ein Gedi Mineral Water (real estate).

Cyclone Aviation Products suffered net losses of NIS 15.7m. last year, compared with net losses of NIS 2.48m. in 1994.

Revenues went up to NIS 43m. from NIS 38.4m.

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DJ Industrials 278.24 +0.24
DJ 30 278.24 +0.24
NYSE Index 442.86 +0.00

NYSE stocks
Unchanged Advances 772
Volume up (in 1000s) 269108

Other stock market indexes
NYSE 100 368.8 +0.4
Tokyo Nikkei average 20285.1 +0.8

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Money supply report helps keep TASE stable

TEL AVIV STOCK MARKET

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SHARE indexes finished little changed yesterday as a report showing a steady money supply in February offset investors' concern about faster-than-expected consumer-price inflation.

FTSE boosted by advance on Wall St.

LONDON (Reuters) - Shares rebounded from Friday's sharply lower finish, ending a quiet session moderately higher helped by advances on Wall Street, dealers said.

Dow Jones posts sharp rise

NEW YORK (Reuters) - The Dow Jones industrial average gained more than 80 points yesterday amid a continued drop in long-term interest rates.

CURRENCY CROSS-RATES

MARK STERLING YEN SFY FFf
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STERLING 1.284/28

PLAN

(Continued from Page 1) The Likud and Ehud Olmert, Shiran said. "Beilin never gave this academic research, which he has nothing to do with, to Hirschfeld or Pundak or to any Palestinian. Beilin and the Labor Party believe that, as part of any negotiated settlement, Jerusalem will remain under Israeli sovereignty as the capital of Israel."

MURDER

(Continued from Page 1) dered. The underworld was shocked when it was revealed that Harari had provided police with evidence on Zecharia's murderer in return for the closing of criminal files against him.

MOSSAD

(Continued from Page 1) ing Syrian refusal to condemn the bombings. There is no expectation of progress on that track before elections are held in Israel on May 29.

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# Mac. TA increases league lead

RICHARD ZAACKS

MACCABI Tel Aviv defeated hosts Maccabi Rishon LeZion 99-92 in the only National Basketball League action last night.

Oded Katash scored 26 points in another fine all-around game to boost Maccabi's record to 17-1 and give the team its largest lead of the season - three games over Hapoel Jerusalem.

Rishon, which fell to 11-7, failed to take advantage of the chance to leapfrog over Hapoel Galil Elyon into fourth place.

Rishon opened the game well, holding an 18-11 advantage after eight minutes, thanks in large part to strong play by James Gully.

But Brad Leaf and Motti Daniel entered the game and spurred a 16-4 run to recapture the lead at 27-22 with only six minutes left in the half. Rishon's Brian Oliver responded by trying to turn the tide, scoring his first points of the night and adding six more before the break.

But the Maccabi steamroller continued unabated, as the defending champions raced into the locker rooms with a 48-34 advantage.

Rishon kept Maccabi in its sights throughout the second peri-

od, as Oliver scored 19 second-half points.

But the hosts were playing without injured forward Kobi Balul, and Maccabi continuously exploited the defensive hole up front to rebuild the lead.

Rishon's last thrust came with 1:20 remaining, as Gully scored a basket to cut the margin to 92-87.

But the hosts were then forced to foul, and Leaf and Doron Jamchoe made six consecutive free throws to seal the victory for Tel Aviv. For the winners, who played without the injured Radisav Curic the entire second half, Katash had 26 points, Chambers 17, Leaf 16, Nadav Henefeld 11, and Daniel 10.

For Rishon, Oliver and Gully both had 27.

National Basketball League			
Team	W	L	Pts.
Maccabi Tel Aviv	17	1	35
Hapoel Jerusalem	14	4	32
Bnei Herzliya	12	6	30
Hapoel Galil Elyon	11	7	29
Maccabi Rishon	11	7	29
Hapoel Safed	8	10	26
Hapoel Holon	8	10	26
Hapoel Tel Aviv	8	10	26
Hapoel Eilat	6	12	24
Maccabi Jerusalem	6	12	24
Maccabi Ramat Gan	6	12	23
Hapoel Givat	2	18	20

# Red Wings clinch Central Division

DETROIT (AP) - The Detroit Red Wings clinched the Central Division title Sunday, getting a goal and an assist from Igor Larionov to beat the Calgary Flames 4-2.

The Red Wings, the only NHL team to even clinch a playoff spot, won their sixth straight and are 10-1 in their last 11.

Chris Osgood stopped 26 shots for his 12th straight win and remained unbeaten (17-0-1) in his last 18 starts. Osgood was looking for his sixth shutout of the season until Theo Fleury scored at 13:30 of the third period.

Sergei Fedorov, Keith Primeau and Nicklas Lidstrom scored the other Red Wings goals while Darren McCarty added a pair of assists.

Blackhawks 5, Islanders 1

Tony Amonte scored twice on perfect passes from Jeremy Roenick in a 1-24 span of the second period for shorthanded Chicago Blackhawks.

Ed Belfour made 26 saves for the host Blackhawks, who have won three consecutive games each by four goals - since snapping out of a 1-7 skid. The winning streak coincides with Belfour's return from a back injury. He has a 9-0-3 career record against the Islanders.

Brent Sutter, Keith Carney and Jeff Shantz also scored as Chicago won despite playing much of the game

without All-Star defenseman Chris Chelios, leading scorer Roenick and second-line wing Murray Craven.

Niklas Andersson scored for the Islanders. Zigmund Palffy's goal-scoring streak ended after seven games; it was the NHL's longest this season.

Senators 5, Lightning 0

Damian Rhodes recorded his second straight shutout, as host Ottawa set a franchise record for victories.

The Senators, who entered the league for the 1992-93 season, reached their 15th victory in 68 games. They won 14 games in 1993-94.

Rhodes stopped 30 shots, including 14 in the second period.

EASTERN CONFERENCE			
Atlantic Division			
Team	W	L	GF GA
N.Y. Rangers	36	19	88 241
Florida	36	24	91 227
Philadelphia	34	21	81 232
New Jersey	32	26	75 181
Washington	32	28	74 195
Tampa Bay	32	27	10 74
N.Y. Islanders	20	40	48 198

WESTERN CONFERENCE			
Central Division			
Team	W	L	GF GA
Detroit	52	4	108 283
Chicago	36	23	83 239
St. Louis	30	27	72 189
Buffalo	29	32	85 237
Winning	22	35	88 233
Dallas	22	35	56 194

Pacific Division			
Team	W	L	GF GA
Colorado	39	21	88 277
Vancouver	27	29	69 246
Calgary	28	30	67 207
Anaheim	27	30	80 195
Edmonton	29	27	87 198
Los Angeles	21	35	57 223
San Jose	16	49	38 218

# Taylor: Cricket is breaking down

LAHORE, Pakistan (Reuter) - Australian captain Mark Taylor has warned cricket's rulers that they must act decisively or risk the game sliding into chaos before the end of the century.

Taylor believes the sport is facing an uncertain future at international level unless controversial subjects such as ball-tampering are addressed by the International Cricket Council (ICC) without delay.

"I think the game's breaking down," said Taylor, after his side had been well beaten by Sri Lanka in Sunday's World Cup final which featured two teams with an acrimonious relationship in recent months.

"There's a lot that has to be looked into at the moment. Things like ball-tampering, throwing and all the things that have created controversy. We've got to stop sweeping them under the carpet...if we don't we're going to lose this great game."

There have been a variety of incidents around the world in recent years, including bribery allegations against Salim Malik when he was Pakistan captain and a London court case in 1993 involving Sarfraz Nawaz and Allan Lamb which dragged the thorny issue of ball-tampering into the public domain.

The ICC's Australian chief executive David Richards has admitted the world body lacks disciplinary powers.

The Council met in Lahore on Monday to frame recommendations for its annual meeting in London during the English summer, and Taylor feels it is increasingly time for action not words.

"Someone has got to put their

hand up. All the various countries in the world have got to give someone the power. If that means the ICC, then let it be the ICC," he said.

"Someone's got to do it because we can't sweep these things under the carpet any longer. It's going to break the game down to the detriment of everyone."

"We've got to make sure that some of the things that happened at the start of the tournament don't happen again."

Taylor said the captain's meeting before the World Cup had been an important step in the right direction.

"We have to get things off our chest. If everyone does that and gets everything out on the table we can right the wrongs and get on and make this a better game."

"I certainly hope the ICC listen to us. If we don't do anything about it, the game will break down and people won't want to watch it any more."

Australia's decision not to play their World Cup group game in Sri Lanka for security reasons made the team a target for abuse the moment they arrived on the sub-continent, and Taylor admitted it had made his side's job more difficult.

"We came over here under a real cloud of controversy. There were various former Test cricketers telling us we should be banned for a year, there were others saying we shouldn't be allowed to play in the tournament."

As for the final, Taylor insisted there had been no significant problems between the sides. "I always shake hands after the game. Whatever gripe I might have I always shake hands," he



BEARER OF BAD NEWS - Mark Taylor says if problems in cricket aren't soon addressed, the game will 'break down.' (Reuter)

Taylor agreed Sri Lanka's win was good for the world game. "In one-day cricket, they've improved a hell of a lot. They've now got a game plan which is based on positive batting and defensive bowling."

# Australia beats Israel in World Bowls tourney

NORMAN SPIRO  
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ISRAEL'S trips lost its first encounter against Australia 15-12 in a nail-biting contest at the World Bowls Championships yesterday.

Thirty national teams have converged for the quadrennial tourney with Israel entering the arena with an overall third-place finish in 1992, including the gold medal in the trips and the bronze in the singles.

The trio of Jeff Rabkin, Leon Blum and Lawrence Mendelsohn started off in grand style to take a 7-1 lead at the end of the fifth end. Then the Aussies caught fire, leveling at

8-all at the 11th end and going ahead 11-8 at the 13th. Israel rallied for a brief 12-11 lead at the 16th, but the Aussies finished hard to win.

In the pairs, Chaim Miller and George Kaminsky overwhelmed the hosts to win 33-5. Scotland, which won the pairs gold four years ago, scraped through 21-20 against South

Africa.

The trips play Kenya and Guernsey today while the pairs take on Western Samoa and the Norfolk Islands.

Rabkin will try to improve upon his singles bronze medal by taking on South Africa's formidable Neil Burkett; and Mendelsohn will skip the Neils together with Miller, Kaminsky and Blum.

Australia has the decided advantage, playing on home territory which offers one of the world's fastest greens.

# Israelis can now watch cricket with the best of them

IT'S happening again. I can feel the cold turkey setting in.

After nearly five weeks of having been linked to the TV set almost as if it was an extension of my own body, it's time to put the set aside once again, as the easily explainable addiction is toned down to only mild bouts of extended viewing.

This cricket World Cup marks a milestone for my TV viewing. Four years ago, during the previous competition which took place in Australia and New Zealand, I had my first heavy dose of Star TV's cricket coverage. And while then, I had to travel out of town to actually believe that cricket could be viewed in this remote corner of the globe, now, it has become an almost foregone conclusion that these types of events are a regular part of our TV lives.

While cable television was introduced to Jerusalem towards the end of the 1991-92 World Cup, my wait was a little longer. But from the moment Star TV

entered my home, I was ready to enter a new life mode. At this World Cup, most of the matches started during the early hours of the morning and ended in the afternoon. The day-night matches made things a little easier on the biological clock and as with the final on Sunday, the match began at noon and ended after 8 pm. It has been a pleasure, as always, to watch cricket. Even if it is not the purest and most intriguing kind. The Sri Lankans won everybody's hearts and thoroughly deserved their victory, earning the title of world champions of the one-day game in the most spectacular fashion imaginable. There was no fluke in the victory, with the islanders' extravagant stroke play and daring tactics dealing out poetic justice on the arrogant Aussies, who caused them much hardship Down Under and then added insult to injury by refusing to play in Colombo for security reasons.

The final at the Gaddafi Stadium in Lahore, Pakistan will be one that not only the 17 million citizens of Sri Lanka will remember, it will also be recognized the world over by millions of others who have seen a sporting minnow turn into a rampant tiger.

Perhaps Libyan leader Muammar Gaddafi can also take pride in having done something good for humanity, for a change. The stadium was named after him when Libya helped ease Pakistan's collapsing economy in 1974.

In general, matches were played at exciting venues with superb stadia, particularly in India, where the almost crazed chanting spectators turned the matches from sedate cricket into a real happening. When the big sides played, particularly India and Pakistan, the atmosphere was palpable; the matches appeared more like a soccer encounter between Brazil and Argentina than the Maracana

Stadium at River Plate.

It is only a pity that the Indian supporters in Calcutta forced the abandonment of the semifinal between their side and Sri Lanka. I only hope that the plague of violence which is much more apparent in other sports does not become a more regular feature in cricket.

Other sports, though, would do well to observe match referee Clive Lloyd's actions. After halting proceedings once for 20 minutes, he then ruled that the home team would have to forfeit the match because their fans were endangering the opposition's players. Sri Lanka was going to win anyway, but this kind of forthright action, in which plain on-the-spot punishment is delivered, is something FIFA, in particular, should consider adopting, instead of dabbling with ridiculous rule changes.

Perhaps if Betar Jerusalem was to be slapped with a defeat and a subsequent loss of three valuable points every time its fans misbe-

# Inbar sails into 7th place

HEATHER CHAIT

THE Amit Inbar/Gal Friedman struggle for supremacy continued yesterday on the second and last day of the World Windsurfing Championships preliminary rounds in Haifa.

Competing against the world's best, Inbar finished first in both his sals in an extraordinary display of mastery over the waves.

Inbar is now lying in seventh place overall while his Olympic rival Friedman is just one notch below him.

Friedman, whose first day score slotted him into 47th place against Inbar's 26, also performed brilliantly yesterday, ending his two races in second and sixth places.

His eighth place is indeed creditable but based on their previous encounters, Friedman must beat Inbar by two places to be awarded the one Olympic berth.

Inbar, on the other hand, needs to lead Friedman by one place only.

New Zealand's Bruce Kendall retained his overnight general lead while his sister Barbara is second among the women.

Holland's Martin Van Geemen and Jean de Chavigny from France lie behind Kendall.

Maud Herbert from France continues to lead among the women while Michal Hein and Sivan Yosef finished in 33rd and 49th places respectively.

All the windsurfers have a free day today before the top 60 men proceed to tomorrow's final rounds which continue until Saturday.

A minimum of five races have to be sailed over the four final days.

These results, together with half of the scores from the preliminary rounds, minus the worst result, will comprise the eventual result of each participant.

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**Guttman Hap. Beersheba's new coach**

Eli Guttman was yesterday named as Hapoel Beersheba's new coach, with the management releasing a statement saying he would remain in his post until the end of the season.

Guttman, who was recently fired by Hapoel Beit She'an will take up his position today. He steps into the shoes of Vitali Savchenko and is Beersheba's third coach this season. The club is in 10th place in the National League standings with just two points more than bottom club Betar Tel Aviv.

Ori Lewis

**Rodman awaits likely suspension**

Chicago Bulls forward and resident head case Dennis Rodman will likely be suspended when the NBA decides the punishment for his outrageous behavior in Saturday's game at New Jersey that included head-butting a referee.

Rodman was ejected with 1:31 left in the first quarter after receiving his second technical foul of the game.

He then unleashed an obscenity-laden tirade at officials and proceeded to head-but referee Ted Bernhardt above the left eye, which will almost surely result in a fine and lengthy suspension.

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**Wang Junxia training for Olympics**

Double world record holder Wang Junxia has rescinded a decision to retire and is instead training in secret for the Atlanta Olympics, the official Hainan Daily reported.

The newspaper, in an edition seen in Beijing yesterday, said Wang and former world 1,500 meters champion Liu Dong were in training at a base outside the central city of Nanjing under six coaches headed by Mao Dezhen.

Wang, who demolished the world 3,000 and 10,000 meters record in 1993, left coach Ma Junren's "Ma Family Army" in the following year.

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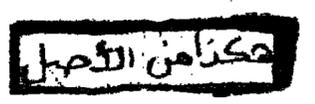
**Mets, Padres hold 4-man trade**

With Ricco Brogna nursing a knee injury and not certain of returning by opening day, the New York Mets acquired first baseman Roberto Petagine on Sunday in a four-player trade with the San Diego Padres.

The Mets also got minor-league left-hander Luis Arroyo, and gave up right-handers Pene Walker and Scott Adair, a minor leaguer.

The left-handed-hitting Petagine batted .234 in 89 games, with three home runs with 17 RBIs last year. Petagine, 24, was part of the 12-player deal between Houston and San Diego in December 1994.

AP





# Unions will strike tomorrow unless demands met

THE large unions are threatening to strike tomorrow unless the Treasury accepts their demands for a new pension plan by 10 this morning.

The unions rejected the draft agreement reached yesterday morning between representatives of the Finance Ministry and the Histadrut, after negotiating through the night. The unions said that despite the progress made in the ministry's positions, the Treasury had reneged on some of the oral agreements reached the previous night.

Histadrut chairman MK Amir Peretz and Finance Minister Avraham Shohat announced yesterday morning that they had reached an agreement on the pension plan and that the crisis was over.

But the unions said that after the Treasury had reneged on the oral agreements, they would accept nothing less than the final agreements

MICHAEL YUDELMAN

in writing.

"After we were burnt once and agreed to call off the strike which was planned for Sunday, the Treasury translated the agreements into a written document which distorted the understandings and damaged the pension rights of the workers. This time we won't give in so easily," a union spokesman said. "We received a vague and complicated document."

Interior Minister Haim Ramon, who had formulated the pension plan with the Finance Ministry last year, visited the union leaders' meeting today in an attempt to vindicate himself. He said that when the Treasury published the final pension plan, which significantly

infringed on the workers' pension rights, he was no longer in the Histadrut and therefore was not responsible for it.

One of the main points of contention between the unions and the Treasury is the wage basis for calculating the pension benefit when the worker retires. Another is the annual wage raise to be part of the pension calculation.

The unions and the Histadrut are demanding the basis be the wage paid April 1 of this year. The Treasury insisted on calculating the pension according to the average wage over three or five years, which would greatly reduce the base. Shohat agreed the pension plan must be amended to reduce the damage to the workers' pensions, and reiterated his promise of a year ago that the 150,000 pensioners will not be harmed by the new plan.

### WEATHER

Forecast: Partly cloudy, chance of local rain in the south towards the evening.



President Ezer Weizman shares a toast with new Jordanian Ambassador Omar Rifai at Beit Hanassi yesterday. (Brian Hendler)

## Clalit threatens one-day strike over pension rights

JUDY SIEGEL

SOME 30,000 Kupat Holim Clalit workers are threatening to hold a one-day strike in the health fund's hospitals and clinics tomorrow, in protest of "delays in arranging pension rights of veteran workers," the union said yesterday.

Moshe Zelinger, acting chairman of the union, said the strike will encompass all sectors. He blamed the Treasury for "holding back a solution and harming the rights of long-time staffers."

The directorate of the Central Pension Fund approved a change in the calculation of pensionable wages from the system of "averages" during the entire working career to the average wage during the last three years on the job, he said.

This decision was approved by the Histadrut as well, said Ze-

linger, "after it was persuaded that a move to the new technique was justified." Using the old method of calculation, he said, would mean the loss of half of the pensioner's income.

The last-three-years' method was used for several years by the Central Pension Fund, but seven years ago it was replaced by the other method "without the workers' or the directorate being told," Zelinger said.

Pension expert Ya'acov Antlersaid the Central Pension Fund can return to the last-three-years' method without being weakened. This method is being used by Mivtahim and other large pension funds, he said. Kupat Holim Clalit spokeswoman Rahel Blustein said the dispute did not involve the health fund's management.

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